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## Girl dies in city accident

A 10-year-old schoolgirl was killed when she was knocked down by a No. 5 bus on Queen's Road, Central, opposite Lee Yuen Street, shortly after 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

In another traffic accident, the Reverend H. R. Wells, well known and long-time resident of Hong Kong, received serious injuries when he was knocked down by a tram on Des Voeux Road, Central, yesterday morning.

The girl, Au Young-ching, whose address was given as 4, Main Street, First Floor, Shau-kiwan died instantaneously.

Mr. Wells was standing between the two tram tracks in Des Voeux Road Central, opposite the American Express Office, waiting for a tram to go by when he was knocked down by the back of the same tram.

Immediately after the accident, Mr. Wells was rushed to the Queen Mary Hospital in an ambulance. Up to late last night Mr. Wells was still unconscious, and his condition is reported to be serious.

## New protests against KMT bombing

Lake Success, March 15.

The Secretary General of the UN, Dr. Trygve Lie, received new protests yesterday from groups in Canton and Shanghai against bombing by the Chinese Nationalist air forces.

The protests were forwarded to Dr. Lie by Mr. Henri Fust, director of the UN Information Office at Shanghai. In a radio message to the Secretary General, Mr. Fust said:

"Christian organizations in Canton ask me to enable you to their protests against bombing which cause many civilian casualties and urgently request you on humanitarian grounds to consider ways and means of preventing further occurrences. The international community in Shanghai noting further heavy bombings of cities, renew their appeal of you and respectfully ask that effective action be taken, and that they be informed about such action. World Health Organization representatives in China wish to support these protests and plans to you subject to their headquarters' agreement."

Two protests received earlier from groups in Shanghai were put on file here.—Associated Press.

## London tugmen to end strike

London, March 16.

Trade union leaders today persuaded London tugmen to end their wildcat walkout which had brought nearly all Thames river shipping to a standstill.

The tugmen, who quit work yesterday in protest against their poor working conditions and long hours, promised to report for duty tomorrow morning after union bosses had promised to negotiate with tug owners.

Nearly all Thames river shipping was halted by a strike of London tugmen protesting their working conditions, especially the long hours.

The walkout, which started on Tuesday, had idled already all tug, freighters and barges and stopped work on several food ships unloading in midstream.

The movement of overseas vessels was not affected because operators of the port of London authority deep sea tugs did not join the dispute.—United Press.

## The Weather

At 0800 GMT (2 p.m. HKST) the moderate anticyclone centred over the Indian Ocean covers China and the adjacent seas. There have been no new developments.

Today's Forecast: Fresh E. wind, strong in exposed places, cloudy with fair periods during the day.

Yesterday's Weather:  
Maximum: 22.5 deg.  
Minimum: 16.5 deg.  
Rainfall: 0.1 mm.  
Relative Humidity: 70%  
Wind Direction: E.  
Wind Force: 2-3 gales.  
Sea State: Slight chop.

# DEAN ACHESON OUTLINES AMERICAN POLICY TOWARDS ASIA



Viscountess Mountbatten, wife of Rear-Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten, arrived in Hong Kong yesterday on a six-day visit. Viscountess Mountbatten is shown here inspecting a guard of honour provided by St. John Ambulance at Queen's Pier. ("China Mail" photo).

Viscountess Mountbatten arrived from Singapore by British Overseas Airways yesterday on a six-day visit in the Colony.

She was met at Kai Tak by Welfare Officer, St. John's Ambulance Brigade and British Red Cross, Commodore L. N. Ewington, OBE, DMS, of Land Forces representing the GOC-in-C, Mr. J. R. Dawson, Governor's ADC, and Miss M. W. Simpson, Senior. As the aircraft which carried Viscountess Mountbatten touched down at Kai Tak one of the tyres on the port side of the plane blew out.

Fortunately, except for a slight skid on the runway, the aircraft was well under control.

Today Viscountess Mountbatten will visit the 26 Field Dressing Station and the 53 General Hospital of the Services. She will have lunch at Flagstaff House and then visit the Bowen Road Military Hospital. Later she will be present at a cocktail party at the Commodore's Residence.

During her stay here, Viscountess Mountbatten will also visit the Headquarters of St. John's Ambulance Brigade in Tai Hang Road and will accompany the Ambulance's Penetration Squad on a visit to Kaito Island on Sunday.

Tomorrow, she will attend St. Patrick's Society's annual ball. She will also visit a number of welfare centres in the Colony.

## Survey of Jap trade expansion

Tokyo, March 15.

A survey of food availability and the possibilities of expanded trade between Japan and South East Asian countries has been completed by members of the South East Asia Food and Trade Mission.

Composed of United States Government and SCAP officials, the Mission earlier this month made an exploratory tour of Thailand, Singapore, Malaya, Burma, India, Pakistan, Ceylon and the Philippines.

The last phase of the tour included visits to Okinawa and the farming areas of Southern Japan. The Mission was headed by Mr. Stanley Andrews, Director of Foreign Agricultural Relations for the United States Department of Agriculture.

Following the final meeting of the eight-man group, Mr. Andrews asserted that the Mission's work was generally most successful.

**Favourable indications**

Summarizing the activities of the Mission, Mr. Andrews said that there were favourable indications for the establishment of new trade and an expansion of the current trade agreements between Japan and her Asiatic neighbours.

Japan, he said, is capable of supplying those nations with machinery and technological assistance needed in their programmes for industrial and economic rehabilitation.

In return, the Asiatic nations can supply Japan with raw materials for manufacture and export, also much needed food items.

In addition, the Mission also surveyed the situation in each country to determine the extent and type of assistance to be given under President Truman's Point Four programme for aid to underdeveloped countries.—Reuter.

## BAN ON SERETSE MAY BE LIFTED

London, March 15.

The Labour Party newspaper, the "Daily Herald," today predicted the British Government would drop its five-year ban from Bechuanaland of Seretse Khama, Bechuanaland's chief-designate.

## Emphasis on desire to halt spread of Communism MILITARY AID ISSUE

San Francisco, March 15.

The U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, today said the United States in some situations would give military aid to free peoples who are resisting attempted subjugation by armed minorities or outside pressures.

In his first important policy speech dealing with Asia since January, the head of the American State Department told the San Francisco Commonwealth Club he thought the Australian Minister of External Affairs, Mr. Percy Spender, was sound in the six major premises he made in a speech on March 9.

Mr. Spender advocated a Pacific military alliance and in Acheson's words, "acceptance of the fact that appeasement is completely ineffective and even dangerous."

The Secretary then said he wanted to make the point that the American desire to halt Communism is not actuated by any desire to dictate to Asian peoples.

The basic objective of American foreign policy is to make possible a world in which all peoples, including the peoples of Asia, can work in their own way toward a better life, Mr. Acheson declared today.

"That is why we are opposed to the spread of Communism not only in Asia but elsewhere. It is because this tool of Soviet imperialism perverts the real democratic revolution that has been going on all over the world since 1914, before Communism as a world conspiracy had been thought of," Mr. Acheson said.

## Help offered

Declaring that "we are interested in the peoples of Asia as a people," Mr. Acheson emphasized that the United States did not want to use them for any purpose of their own, but on the contrary, wanted to help them in any way they wish to achieve their own goals and ambitions in their own way.

This is because "we believe that what the peoples of Asia earnestly desire will make for the kind of a free productive world in which we and they can live out our lives in peace."

Mr. Acheson said that the whole great region of Asia, containing more than half the population of the world, is changing profoundly, brought about by a deep and revolutionary movement of the peoples of Asia. That movement, he said, is made up of two dominant ideas.

The first of these is revolution against misery and poverty, as the normal condition of life. The second is revolution against foreign domination. These ideas meet and fuse in the positive conception of national independence.

Stating that the desire for national independence is the most powerful spontaneous force in Asia today, Mr. Acheson declared: "We welcome this development and shall continue in the future as in the past to encourage it."

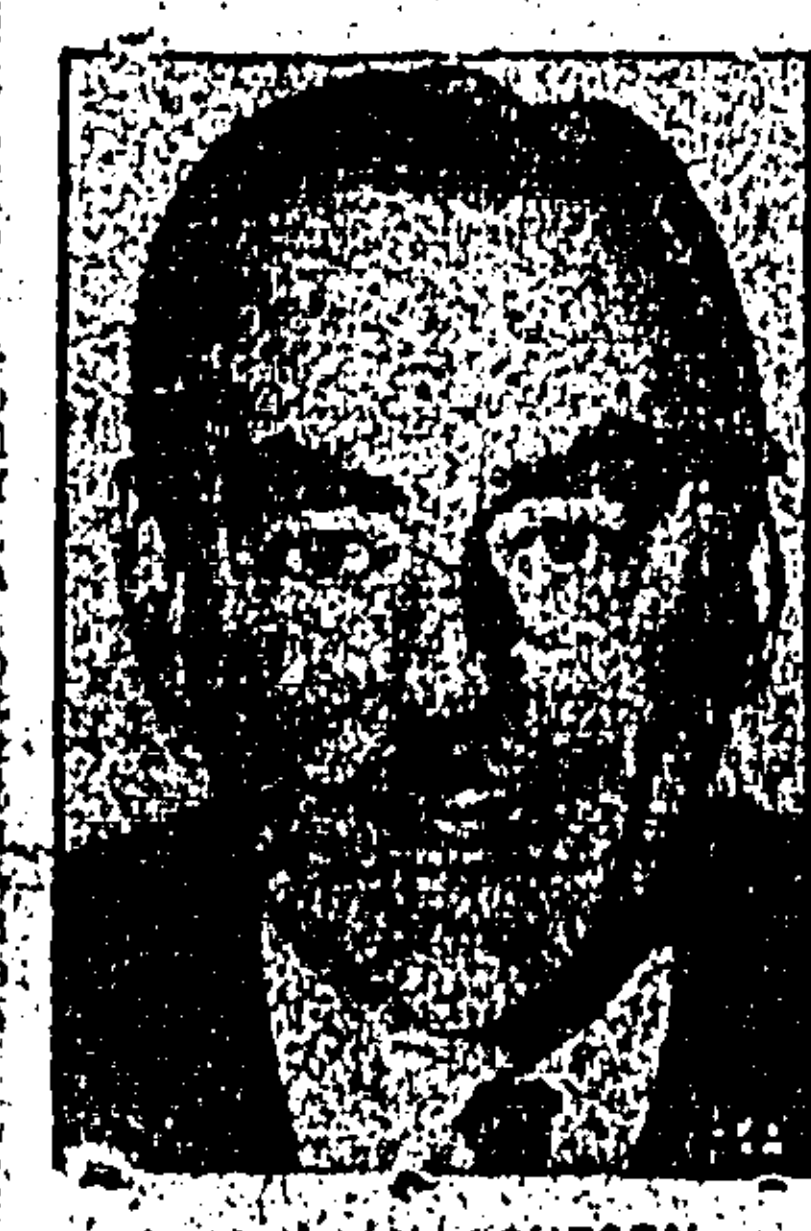
Since the end of the war, Mr. Acheson said, "more than 500,000,000 people have achieved national independence and self-government—in the Philippines, India, Pakistan, Ceylon, Burma, Southern Korea and Indonesia. The people of Indo-China are also moving along the same road, developing with the French a new relationship expressive of their own national aspirations and realizing security on a basis of mutual consent."

## China situation

Referring to China, Mr. Acheson said that the same strong feelings of the people have reached a different end. The Communists won by default, not by what they offered. They employed the well-known Communist technique of probing for weakness and, on finding it, exploiting it to the full.

"The result is that today the Nationalist Government exercises authority only on the islands of Taiwan and Hainan."

Mr. Acheson continued: "The revolutionary movement in China, which began a half century ago as an expression of the aspirations of the Chinese people, has been captured for the moment by the Communists."



MR. DEAN ACHESON

"Their seizure of power has reversed the true purposes of the revolution. For while neighbouring peoples, some of them for the first time in centuries, are at last achieving true national independence, China, with its long proud history, is being forced into the Soviet orbit as a dependent of the Soviet political system and the Soviet economy."

Mr. Acheson then dealt with the Sino-Soviet treaty of friendship, alliance and mutual assistance of February 14, 1950.

He said: "First, Soviet Russia has promised to return certain Manchurian property but not the industrial equipment robbed by the Red Army in 1945. Is this aid? It is even a belated admission of that which deprived not only China, but all of Asia, of some two thousand million United States dollars worth of productive capacity."

## Soviet credit

"Secondly, Soviet Russia extended to China a US\$300,000,000 five-year credit at an interest rate of one per cent yearly. This works out at US\$60,000,000 each year. This 'loan' was made only to be followed by the news that the loan was to be revalued, thus cutting down the effective aid by one-fourth. If the new dollar-rouble rate should be applied to this credit."

Thus the Chinese people may find Soviet Russia's credit to be no more than US\$45,000,000 a year. They can compare this with a grant not a loan—of US\$400,000,000 voted by the American Congress to China in the single year of 1948.

"China's needs are great and pressing," Mr. Acheson said. "China today faces a prospect of 50,000,000 people suffering from hunger between now and the next crops. Millions may die. And yet food moves from China to the Soviet Union."

As for Russia's political and territorial assurances to China, Mr. Acheson asked: "Can the Chinese people fail to observe that, whatever may be the promises for the future, under the terms of the treaty and agreements recently concluded at Moscow, the USSR has special rights in China which represent an infringement of China's sovereignty and which are held by no other foreign power?"

Adding that "it is Soviet Russia's policy, despite all the empty promises of the treaty, to build up China's economy as a buffer against the United States," he said that the United States, "as old friends, fully understood that the Chinese people's present unhappy status within the orbit of the Soviet Union was not the result of any choice on their own part, and gave assurance that 'the American people will remain in the future, as we have been in the past, the friends of the Chinese people.'"

On trade with China, Mr. Acheson said: "We as Americans should be willing to trade with China, as our forefathers did, whenever and so far as it is made possible in China."

He emphasized, however, that "we have no desire to thrust this trade upon China, nor is China in a position to exploit it from us."

Turning to the problems of China, Mr. Acheson said: "The first of these is the fact that, except in Thailand, the governments are governments which are new."

## Economic problems

They are experiencing the difficulties of organizing and administering the new found independence of these countries. Problems come, secondly, from serious economic dislocations. Some of these flow directly from the ravages of war; others from the disruption of trade routes and the loss of foreign exchange.

Thirdly, another group of difficulties throughout this whole area stems directly from years of Japanese occupation which broke down many long-standing habits of life, of industry, of government, with resulting internal strife.

Saving that Soviet propaganda has been to deceive and confuse the world concerning the policy of the U.S. Government toward the newly established nations of South East Asia, Mr. Acheson reiterated: "The United States consistently has supported and will continue to support the movement of these peoples toward self-government and national independence."

"The people of Asia," he said, "must face the fact that today the major threat to their freedom and to their social and economic progress is the attempted penetration of Asia by Soviet Communist imperialism and by the colonialism which it contains."

Mr. Acheson continued: "In speaking to the Press club in Washington (on January 13), I pointed out that American assistance can be effective in South East Asia, as elsewhere, when it is the missing component in a problem which might otherwise be solved."

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## B-29's leaving for Britain next week

Washington, March 15.

Great Britain will get B-29 Superfortresses under the army aid programme, the Defence Department said yesterday.

It said the first flight of four of the bombers will take off next Monday for England from Andrews Field, Maryland, near Washington. They will bear Royal Air Force markings but will be flown by American crews.

The total number of Superforts to be sent to Britain was kept secret.

The Department said the four leaving on Monday will be the first American planes to reach Europe under the military assistance programme.

The French aircraft carrier *Dixmude* is loading 48 Navy-type planes in Norfolk, Virginia. The carrier is expected to start for Biscaya, French North Africa, about March 17. In the meantime, French naval airmen and ground crews are being trained in the handling of the American craft.

The U.S. Strategic Air Command has kept some Superfortresses in Great Britain since last year.—The American crews who will fly the four B-29s across the Atlantic this week will remain in Britain temporarily to train the RAF in the operation and maintenance of the planes.—Associated Press.

## Nationalists step up war against Hainan guerillas

Taipei, March 15.

Fighting on Hainan Island intensified today as Nationalist troops attempted to clean out entrenched guerillas in order to prevent contact with possible Red invaders.

No further landing attempts were reported.

Reports from the mainland said that all Chinese Communist troops left Canton for an unknown destination, and the Red authorities warned residents that a daylight attack might be imposed.

Cantonese were ordered to tighten their supply of food, presumably against the possibility that daytime civilian activities may be curbed. The Red authorities gave no reason for their order, but Canton has been under heavy attack by Nationalist planes. Residents were warned previously to leave the city and the provincial Communist government was reported to be evacuating for Kungong, 120 miles to the north.

## RAF crashes kill nine in Britain

London, March 15.

Two Royal Air Force four-engined bombers crashed within an hour early today, killing at least nine men.

The planes were Lincoln bombers, modernized version of the wartime Lancaster and now the standard RAF bombing ship.

The first crash occurred about 1.30 a.m. local time when a plane, returning from a training flight, overshot the runway at Hemswell RAF station. Five crewmen were killed and the sixth was injured.

The second crash came almost an hour later, as another Lincoln bomber struck a Welsh mountain-side in the darkness. The plane crashed about 2,000 feet on the slopes of Carnedd Llewelyn, near Snowdon, Wales.

Rescue squads recovered four bodies from the wreckage in Wales by noon.—Associated Press.

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Pleading guilty to a charge of causing obstruction at the North end of 13 Runway, Kai Tak Airport, on Tuesday, two coolies, Wong Yin and Suen Tin-sing were fined \$25 each by Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday. Defendants were originally charged with trespassing.

He is also Chairman of a number of large steel, gas, insurance and radio enterprises, and a Director of several other important industrial concerns, including the British General Electric Company, Australian Newspaper Mills, a Dock and Engineering Company, and General Motors Holden Limited. He has recently been associated with the introduction of the Holden-Australia's first mass-produced motor car.

An Easter Parade fashion show will be held at Luna Park



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| Ginger Fish .....           | 1.60          | 1.55    |
| White Pomfret (large) ..... | 2.51          | 2.01    |
| Macao Sole (large) .....    | 1.65          | 1.65    |
| " (small) .....             | 1.25          | 1.10    |
| Golden Thread .....         | 1.00          | 1.84    |
| Head Gruet .....            | 1.20          | 1.15    |
| Moon Head (small) .....     | 1.48          | 1.40    |
| Conger Pike .....           | 1.61          | 1.38    |
| Hair Tail .....             | .87           | .82     |

THE DICKINSON SCHOOL

On a charge of soliciting for an immoral purpose, two women, Chan Nui and Wong Ah-chuen, were fined \$40 and \$20, respectively, by Mr. P. K. d'Almeida at Kowloon yesterday.

Arrested early yesterday morning, Mathew Ho, on Monday, a constable of Sergeant Whittaker's RAF Police, first defendant, who had been charged with two previous convictions for obstruction with loitering, refused to acknowledge them. She said: "Those were not committed here. They were committed on the Hong Kong side."

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## Reminders

### Today

Kowloon Rotary Club weekly luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.  
Y's Men's Club, annual general meeting, Cosmo Club, 7.30 p.m.  
HK Women's International Club, informal dance for Servicemen, 7.30 p.m.  
British Council weekly film show, Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.  
HK University Chinese Society presents "The Fatal Shear", Easton Gymnasium, 7.30 p.m.  
History of Handwriting exhibition at British Council Library, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
HK Electric Co., Ltd., annual meeting, P & O Bldg., 11 a.m.  
HK Union Church Women's Guild meeting, 3 p.m.  
HK Singers rehearsal, St. John's Cathedral hall, 5.45 p.m.  
RAF Association, luncheon at Jacobean Room, HK Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

### Coming Events

**TOMORROW**  
Organ Recital, St. John's Cathedral, 1.15 p.m.  
Cerebral Parade by 40th Infantry Division, at Shek Kong, 11 a.m.  
St. Patrick's Society Annual Ball, European YMCA Services Dance, 8 p.m.  
Nine Dragons Services Club, Tombola, 8 p.m.  
HK Stage Club, casting meeting for "Gaslight" at PRO lecture room, 5.30 p.m.  
European YMCA Women's Section, Beginner's Dressmaking, 10 a.m.

### SATURDAY

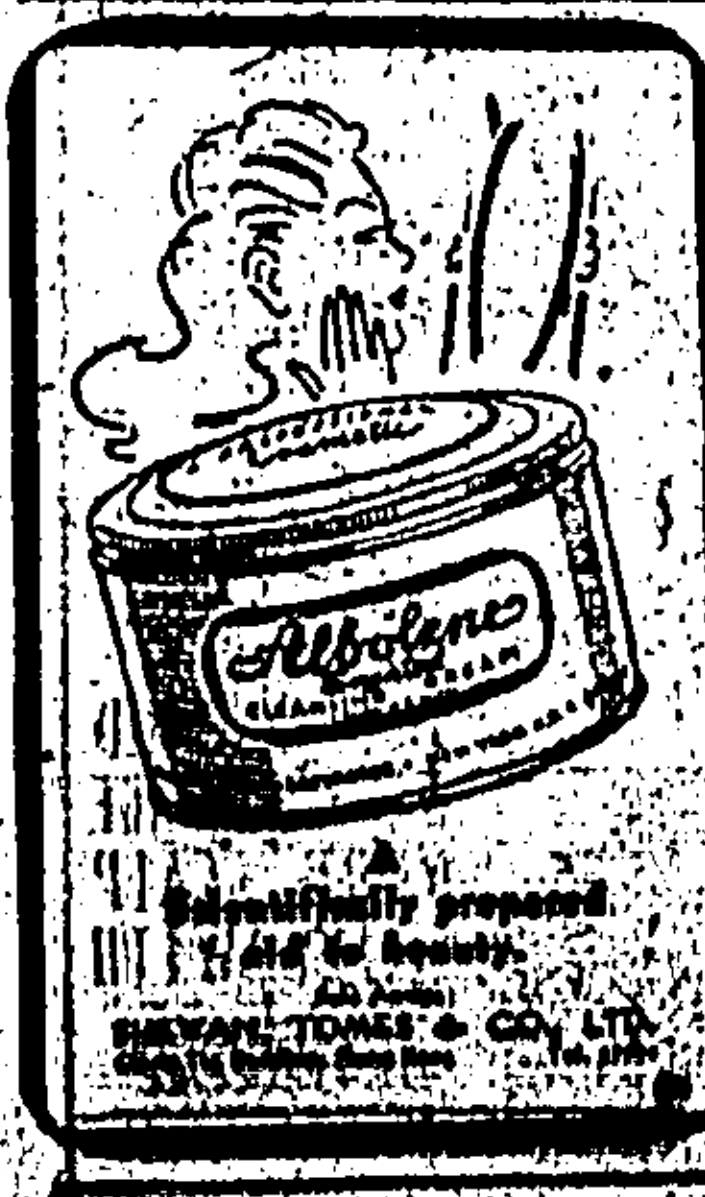
Kowloon Gramophone Society classical concert at Diocesan Boys' School, 8.15 p.m.  
Nine Dragons Services Club, Table Tennis Tournament, 4 p.m.  
Tombola, 8 p.m.

### SUNDAY

The II classical concert, 50, MacDonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.  
HK Art Club, sketching party to Stanley, members to meet at Queen's Pier, 10.50 a.m.  
Nine Dragons Services Club, Tombola, 8 p.m.  
European YMCA Armchair group, talk on "Secret of Christianity", 8.30 p.m.

## Chinese paintings exhibited

An interesting display of Chinese paintings by the contemporary Chinese artist, Mr. Tseng Hsiang-shi, was on view yesterday at the Hotel Cecil. More than 100 drawings, covering many phases of Chinese art, stretching from the Sung dynasty to modern times, were exhibited. One of the most interesting items was a horizontal scroll entitled "The Exile of Princess Jia", which portrayed an ancient Chinese Royal caravan, accompanied by dogs and cattle, at the start of a long journey. Mr. Tseng is from Hunan, and his style is unimpaired. In a series of bold strokes he often manages to achieve arresting directness. His work is thorough, his Chinese, although in one or two interior settings a certain amount of Japanese effect is unmistakable. His landscapes, with their inevitable Chinese sombre drabness, are invigorating despite a tendency to reduce all contours to straight lines. Mr. Tseng's hues are always quiet, and his shadows colourless. He paints in three colours mostly, black, grey and light brown, and his strokes are from left to right. His animals are sometimes out of proportion and slightly unreal, but they exude a quality of force. His horses, for instance, are painted with no great regard for sincerity, but the straight lines and massive curves give a suggestion of primeval strength to what must obviously be early Mongolian types. The exhibition confirms the general impression that Mr. Tseng's art is representative of the best in China today.



Operation of the Hotels Ordinance of 1949 has adversely affected the business of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, owing to the allotment of a larger ratio of rooms to Hong Kong residents, declared Mr. H. R. Cleland, presiding at the annual meeting of the company, yesterday.

Mr. Cleland said rates for meals to residents had been fixed at rates entirely disproportionate to cost, and representations had been made to Government without result.

A net profit of HK\$2,143,823.28 was made in the year ended December 31, 1949.

The meeting approved the payment of a dividend of HK\$1 and a bonus of 25 cents on each of 1,193,867 shares of the Company, tax free.

Mr. Cleland said:— "The dividend from our subsidiary company, the Grand Hotel des Vagons-Lits, Limited was \$70,200 compared with \$234,000 in the previous year, but this large dividend represented the accumulation of dividends for nine years. Working results of the Hotel in Peking have been far from encouraging; the Company is now operating at a loss and no further dividend from that source can be expected until the political situation clarifies itself and travel becomes more free than it is at the moment."

"Included in the profit and loss account are the allocations recommended by your directors from the net profit earned during 1949, which, with the amount brought forward from 1948 of \$203,097.92, \$2,558,558.35; these recommendations are the payment of a dividend of \$1 a share and a bonus of 25 cents a share, both tax free, the transfer of \$500,000 to the special depreciation reserve, thus bringing this reserve up to \$1,000,000, and the carrying forward to the current year's account of the then remaining balance of \$564,222.61. Payment of the bonus of 25 cents a share is possible in the main from the portion of the profits earned by the Company not subject to any Hong Kong taxation. The increase in fixed assets is almost wholly attributable to the cost of the air-conditioning plant. Current assets under the heading linen, crockery, plated-ware and stores show a comparatively heavy increase of some \$600,000 over the 1948 figure and is accounted for by the arrival during the year of large post-war orders for equipment designed to bring the Company's Hotels generally up to pre-war standard in this respect."

Effect of China situation

"The past year saw a great improvement in the restaurant side of our business, and in particular the Hong Kong Hotel benefited largely as a result of the partial air-conditioning of those premises."

"The virtual cessation of domestic air travel in China caused this part of the business at the Peninsula Hotel to fall rapidly in the last quarter of the year, and it is anticipated until such time as a resumption of these air services is possible. Although accommodation facilities remained taxed to the utmost during the year, revenue from this source suffered a decline, this being due to the fact that the Company, during the major part of the year, had to operate under the Hotels Ordinance, 1949, which provided for a higher ratio of rooms than previously having to be allotted to Hong Kong residents at rates lower than would have been derived from transient guests. General difficulty has been encountered in complying with the provisions of this Ordinance, but the legislation does adversely affect the Company, particularly so on the question of rates charged for residents' meals which, as at present fixed, are entirely uneconomic and completely disproportionate to commodity costs. Representations have been made to Government on this matter, but so far with no result."

"The rents received item has shown a decrease on the previous year's figure because of non-payment of rental on one of the Company's properties in China for the last five months of 1949. A small payment on account of this outstanding was recently received and has been taken into account and it is hoped the balance due will shortly be met; it was not considered prudent, in the circumstances, to bring to credit the balance involved, but rather to await its collection and include the same in subsequent accounts."

The Chairman then proposed the adoption of the report and accounts as presented.

The proposal was seconded by Mr. T. H. G. Grayfield who expressed on behalf of shareholders satisfaction with the result achieved, and endorsed the action of the Board in making the partial air-conditioning installation at the Hong Kong Hotel.

After the report and accounts were adopted, Mr. Grayfield proposed the appointment of Mr. M. W. Turner to the Board in place of Mr. D. C. Davis who had retired. They also re-elected Sir Man-kam Lo to the Board.

Messrs. Percy Smith and Company, the auditors, were re-appointed for another year.

Issue withdrawn

The annual meeting was immediately followed by an extraordinary general meeting to pass the following resolutions:

"That the Board of Directors of the Company be requested

not to exercise for the time being their power to offer the unissued capital of the Company to existing shareholders and that their Press announcement dated March 8, 1949, shall accordingly be regarded as withdrawn."

Explaining the resolution Mr. Cleland, who again occupied the chair, said that at the annual general meeting of shareholders on March 23, 1949, it was announced that the Directors intended to issue the balance of the Company's authorised capital by offering such shares to shareholders in the proportion of one new share for every four shares held, and that the amount of \$7.50, the full face value of such share, would become payable on acceptance.

Consequent upon this declaration, said Mr. Cleland, a shareholder at the meeting asked the Board not to proceed with the immediate issue of this unissued capital but to leave the matter in abeyance until some future date. Other shareholders later on made the same request, urging the Board to finance commitments and dividend payments by recourse to overdraft facilities.

Mr. Cleland explained that the reason for the intended issue was that the Company was faced with considerable expenditure at the time to fulfil its rehabilitation programme and the expense involved in the air-conditioning installation at the Hong Kong Hotel.

However, the financial position as at December 1949 was far more satisfactory than was foreseen at the time of the announcement. All expenditure was covered by surplus working revenue.

Chairman's warning

At the same time Mr. Cleland warned that this was made possible only by the increasing earnings of the Company's assets in Hong Kong brought about by additions and improvements, made possible by capital expenditure.

Even now your Board is by no means fully convinced that the Company is adequately capitalised, and in such case it should be obvious that it is impossible to return to shareholders by way of dividend the major portion of profits earned, and at the same time finance commitments such as designed to increase the Company's earning capacity," he said.

Shareholders present were Messrs. Francis Zimmerman, Ezra Abraham, S. H. Ross, F. H. Fell, E. Grant Smith, T. H. G. Grayfield, Yates Hwa, Kok-sang Joo and Li Shiu-chung.

Supporting Mr. Cleland in the chair were Sir Man-kam Lo and Mr. Lawrence Kadourie (Director), Mr. F. C. Barry (Managing Director) and Mr. A. Sommerfeld (Secretary).

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In the same year he joined the R.N.V.R. as an instructor. Commander Swetland fought through the siege of Hong Kong and was interned in Shamshu during the war. After the Japanese surrender he became Commandant of the R.N.V.R. He was de-activated in 1946. In 1947 Commander Swetland joined the Commercial Airlines as Hong Kong Manager. He joined P.A.L. when C.A.L. was absorbed and went to Karachi as District Traffic Manager. On returning to Hong Kong in December 1948, he became District Traffic and Sales Manager. Commander Swetland has left Hong Kong on permanent transfer to take over the duties of United Kingdom Manager for P.A.L.

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## PWD official to leave Colony

A popular member of the Civil Service will be saying 'good-bye' to Hong Kong, and a host of friends and well-wishers, this week after 20 years' faithful service to the Government.

He is Mr. Arthur Evelyn Lissaman, FRICS, M.I.Mun.E., the Assistant Director of Public Works in charge of engineering. He is leaving the service on a well-earned retirement, and with Mrs. Lissaman will sail for home by the RMS Canton on March 18.

"Leaving Hong Kong is like leaving home, with so many good friends I have made here over the last 20 years. Everyone has been so kind," said Mr. Lissaman, as he was busily packing yesterday preparatory to his departure.

"I have not yet made any plans for the future, but I sure will miss Hong Kong," he declared.

Mr. Lissaman, whose home town is Exham, near Staines, was born on April 10, 1897. Arriving in Hong Kong in 1921 his first appointment was as land surveyor in the Public Works Department. Six years later he was transferred to the Roads Department as an engineer, and on several occasions acted as executive engineer.

Early in 1940 he was appointed to the substantive post.

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## CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

20 Words \$2 for 1 insertion  
\$1 for every additional insertion  
10 cents every additional word per insertion  
(Alternate insertions 10% Extra)

BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES, PERSONAL \$5 per insertion of 25 words, 25 cents every additional word per insertion.

Classified Advertisements, accepted up to 5 p.m. for publication in the following day's paper.

Replies for the Following Box Now are awaiting collection.

Replies will be forwarded to the Advertiser if requested on the original form which should bear their names and addresses.

A suitable announcement will be inserted Free of Charge if Advertiser's requirements are satisfactorily answered.

## POSITIONS VACANT

ENGLISH speaking cookmah wanted. Please apply 210, Prince Edward Road, 2nd floor, after 5 p.m.

EXCELLENT Cock Boy and Wife Hourly Amah also Wash Amah. Apply Box 572 "China Mail".

## WANTED KNOWN

VISITORS in transit and RESIDENTS' homeward bound. We have the newest 1950 range of

Fancy Wristbands, Berries, Velours, Dressing, etc., at reasonable prices. Inspection invited at Eastern Overseas Co., Room 401, Union Building, 21 Pedder Street, Tel. 22152.

FOR HIGH Class Stationery and printing matter. VISIT CHE SAN & CO Importers & Exporters Paper & Printing Inks, 58 Des Voeux Road.

CADARINE Casuals, afternoon Gowns, washable cottons, just arrived. Renominee dresses, 301 Victory House, just past "S. C. M. Post" Bldg., Wyndham Street, Tel. 22143.

LADIES, we have at your service all specialized operations for Helene, Curtila, cool waves, machineless oil perms, hairdyes & manicure—ROSE MARIE Beauty Parlour—Phone 50384—43, Hankow Rd., Kowloon.

PEKING ART RUG CO., 221A Nathan Rd., Kowloon, sell exclusively carpets and rugs. Please drop in and have a look.

SHANGHAI BLOUSES. Special Sale from March 14th, 2 Weeks Only. Call early for a better choice. Hongkong & Shanghai Lane Co. (Kwong Kee), 8, Wyndham Street.

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MAY BE BOOKED AT THE SWINDON BOOK STORE, 25 NATHAN ROAD, TEL. 59327.

WHY LIMP about with a painful corn or ingrowing toenail when a visit to Beten's expert chiropodist can put you right? Consult Beten's Beauty Salon, 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

CARPETS, Rugs, Upholstery cleaned in your own home by modern, convenient DURACLEAN SERVICE. DURACLEAN COMPANY, DEERFIELD, ILL. U.S.A. Agent: George Lin & Co., 202 Bank of East Asia Building, Tel. 24408.

CARPETS & RUGS—Genuine Peking and Tibetan, lovely designs and colourings, various sizes some and inspect at The China Rug Co., Kowloon Building, 4th Floor (Opposite Hong Kong Hotel) Queen's Road, Central.

## DANCING LESSONS

BALLROOM DANCING—"Made Easy" Advanced Variations taught, "Specialities" Rumba, Samba, Tango, Jitterbug (Jive). Enquiries (1-3 P.M.): Tony Hudson, 512 China Building.

## FOR SALE

TAMARA MAY 503 Peninsula Hotel Now Displaying Large Selection Spring and Summer American Dresses, Blouses, Skirts, Wedge Heel Shoes, Etc. Open Until 6 p.m.

SHORTWAVE enthusiasts receive worldwide stations to their hearts' content with the amazing Pilot model BB6481 Bandspreading Immune wavebands—6 valves including R.F. stage. Handsome walnut cabinet—gold metal grille—vibrant coloured dial. Demonstration without obligation! Colonial Agencies, Exchange Bldg., 14 Queen's Road, Phone 20310.

OLDING Twin Pushchair. Apply Box 571 "China Mail".

ONG KONG FILM AND THEATRE NEWS, at \$1.00 per copy. Obtainable at Leading Book Stores, News, and Sellers, Cinemas and "China Mail" Office.

CHINA MAIL PICTORIAL (Revised edition) at \$3.00 per copy. Obtainable at all Leading Book Stores and "China Mail" Office.

## SALE OF CROWN LAND

An auction sale of Crown Land will be held at P.W.D. Headquarters on Monday, the 20th day of March 1950 at 2 p.m.

The area which comprises 4,170 square feet is situated at Kowloon City Road and is suitable for residential purposes.

Further particulars are available from the Government Gazette of March 10, 1950 or from the Crown Lands & Survey Office.

E. A. BOYCE, Director of Public Works, Hongkong February 28, 1950.

## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the 4th Race Meeting, to be held on Saturday, 25th March, 1950, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Telephone House: the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Sha Kwoong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 16th March, 1950.

By Order, S. A. SLEAP, Secretary.

## REMOVAL NOTICE

AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL ASSURANCE CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that as of Saturday, March 11th, 1950. The offices of The Above Company will be situated at Edinburgh House, 5th floor Hongkong.

Hongkong, March 11, 1950.

## NOTICE OF REMOVAL

The Head Office & Architectural Dept. METROPOLITAN LAND CO., LTD. have been removed to ROOM 501 EDINBURGH HOUSE Telephone: 32550, 22740.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

THE AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL ASSURANCE CO., LTD. announces the appointment of Mr. L. A. DA ROZA as Sales Manager for the Company in Hongkong.

Hong Kong, March 15, 1950.

## THE HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE, LIMITED

## NOTICE OF REMOVAL

As from Monday, 20th. March, 1950, the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, Limited, will be situated at Edinburgh House, 8th floor, Ice House Street entrance.

All Telephone Numbers remain unaltered.

## HARRIMAN REALTY CO., LTD.

King's Building (2nd floor), 9 Connaught Rd., Hong Kong.

Real Estate Brokers and Valuers

## TO LET AND FOR SALE

Kowloon. Apartments 3-4 Bedrooms from \$1,000 and terms to suit, or sell, from \$90,000. Completion April.

## NOTICE

1. Tenders are invited for the purchase of the following RASC supplies which are offered for sale:—

AT NO. 1 BASE SUPPLY DEPOT RASC, SIAM SHUI PO.

(a) Unsweetened Condensed Milk—9,555 lbs. in 1 16 tins. This milk is fit for cooking and confectionery use.

(b) Flour Sweepings—18,040 lbs.

(c) Rice Sweepings—6,360 lbs.

AT 432 PETROL PLATOON RASC SVOC INSTALLATION LAI CHI KOK

(d) Used Motor Oil in steel barrels—1,500 gals.

2. Tender Forms may be obtained from ST Directorate, HQ Land Forces, 'C' Block (2nd floor), Kennedy Road HONG KONG, between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. daily.

3. The goods will be open to inspection between the hours of 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily on production of a tender form.

4. Tenders will be received for part or whole of the above up to 11 a.m. on Monday, March 27, 1950, and must be deposited at ST Directorate 'C' Block (2nd floor), Kennedy Road, HONG KONG, in sealed covers, marked "TENDER FOR PURCHASE OF RASC SUPPLIES".

5. Earnest money amounting to HK\$100 will be paid to the Command Cashier, Victoria Barracks, HONG KONG and his receipt will be attached to the Tender. No tender will be considered unless accompanied by this receipt. This money will be refunded after the successful tender has been accepted.

6. The Secretary of Staff for War does not bind himself to accept the highest of any tender.

(Sgd.) A. R. PURCHES,

Lieutenant-Colonel, Assistant Director of Supplies & Transport, Hong Kong.

## POLICE NOTICE

It is hereby notified for general information that Arbutnot Road between Hollywood Rd. and Caine Road will be open to two ways vehicular traffic on Friday March 17, 1950 at 8.00 hours.

2. Wyndham Street between the junction of Hollywood Road and Arbutnot Road and the junction of Lower Albert Road and Ice House Street will be open to one way vehicular traffic east bound only on Friday, March 17, 1950 at 8.00 hours.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

Hong Kong, March 15, 1950.

## POLICE NOTICE

RENEWAL OF DOG LICENCES, 1950

1. Owners of dogs are reminded that they should renew their licences before March 31, 1950, after which date failure to comply with this order may result in prosecution.

2. Owners are reminded all dogs now require a Government anti-rabies inoculation permit or an inoculation certificate signed by an approved veterinary surgeon dated within the previous month before a licence can be issued or renewed.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

March 13, 1950.

## THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

## ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that the Forty-eighth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the Office of Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Friday, the 17th day of March, 1950, at Noon, to transact the following business:—

1. To receive and consider the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1949.

2. To sanction a dividend in respect of the year 1949.

3. To elect two Directors.

4. To appoint Auditors.

CLOSING OF TRANSFER BOOKS.

Notice is also given that the Transfer Books and Register of Members will be closed from the 4th March, 1950 to the 17th March, 1950, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

G.B.S. THOMSON, Secretary.

Hong Kong, February 23, 1950.

## THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the Office of Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Friday, 17th March, 1950, at 12.20 p.m., or at such time as the Ordinary Yearly Meeting to be held at the same place at Noon shall terminate, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following as a Special Resolution, viz:—

"That the Authorised Capital of the Company (which is now \$1,000,000.00 consisting of 100,000 Shares of the nominal value of \$10.00 each, of which 80,000 Shares have been issued) be increased to \$2,000,000.00 by the creation of 1,000,000 additional Shares of the nominal value of 10.00 each, and that such Shares be issued at such time or times and upon such terms as the Company's Board of Directors in their absolute discretion shall think fit."

By Order of the Board of Directors,

G.B.S. THOMSON, Secretary.

Hong Kong, February 21, 1950.

## PUBLIC BALLOT FOR SITES, HUTS

A public ballot for sites and huts on beaches in the New Territories will be held on March the 27th, 1950, at the District Office, Kowloon Magistracy Building, at 4 p.m. Applicants will be restricted to bona fide Hongkong residents.

Applicants who prove successful in the Urban Council draw on March the 20th, 1950, will not be allowed to participate in the District Office draw.

Successful applicants will be required to pay their permit fees not later than noon on April 6th, 1950.

Fees will be as follows:—  
A Class \$250  
B " \$100  
C " \$50

Application forms may be obtained from the District Office.

Applications must reach the District Office before 5 p.m. on the 22nd March, 1950.

Application forms will only be issued against payment of a fee of \$10, which will not be returned. Persons applying by letter to the District Commissioner, New Territories, for an application form should enclose a cheque for \$10.

Further information may be obtained from the District Office, Kowloon Magistracy Building, Kowloon.

D. O. N. T. Hong Kong, March 15, 1950.

## NOTICE

## A. S. WATSON &amp; CO., LIMITED.

## Notice to Shareholders

## Extraordinary General Meeting

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of A. S. Watson & Co., Limited, will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on Friday, 24th March, 1950, at 11.45 a.m. (or as soon thereafter as the Ordinary Yearly Meeting to be held at 11.30 a.m. on that date shall have been concluded) for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Resolution as an Ordinary Resolution:—

"That it is desirable to capitalise the sum of \$1,500,000 being part of the amount standing to the credit of the Company's General Reserve Account and accordingly that a special capital bonus of \$1,500,000 be declared and that such bonus be applied on behalf of the persons who on the 24th day of March, 1950, were the holders of the 300,000 issued shares of the Company in payment in full for 150,000 unissued shares of the Company of \$10 each, and that such 150,000 shares credited as fully paid be accordingly allotted to such persons respectively in the proportion of one such share for every complete two of the said 300,000 shares then held by such persons respectively, and that the shares so allotted shall be treated for all purposes as an increase of the nominal amount of the capital of the Company held by each such shareholder, and not as income and that such shares shall rank for dividend from the 1st November 1949, and that any resulting fractions of shares be allotted in bloc to a trustee to be nominated by the Directors upon trust for sale on such conditions as they consider expedient and the net proceeds of sale shall be distributed proportionately amongst those members who would otherwise be entitled to such fractions and in satisfaction thereof."

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, LIMITED.

General Managers.

Hongkong, March 15, 1950.

## NOTICE

## A. S. WATSON &amp; CO., LIMITED

NOTICE is hereby given that the Sixty-first Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Company (since registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on Friday, 24th March, 1950, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with the Statement of Accounts for the period ended 31st October, 1949, and to elect Directors and appoint Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Thursday, 9th March, 1950, to Friday, 24th March, 1950, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, LIMITED, General Managers.

Hong Kong, Dated this March 3, 1950.

## THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE is hereby given that the Sixty-first Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Company, Chung Tin Building, First Floor, 5, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on Tuesday, 28th March, 1950, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with the Statement of Accounts for the period ended 31st December, 1949, and to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from Tuesday, 14th March, 1950, until Tuesday, 28th March, 1950, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

SHEWAN TOMES & CO., LTD. I. W. Shawan, Director, General Managers, Hong Kong, March 2, 1950.

## NOTICE TO MARINERS NO. 15 OF 1950

## HONG KONG WATERS. VICTORIA HARBOUR.

## REMOVAL OF WRECK AND WITHDRAWAL OF WRECK MARKING LIGHT BUOY.

Position:—Harbour Mooring A-15.

Details:—Wreck removed and Wreck Marking Light buoy will be withdrawn on, or about, March 14, 1950.

Charts Affected:—3280.

Previous Notice to Mariners:—No. 20 and No. 24 of 1949 are hereby cancelled.

Authority:—Marine Department, Hong Kong.

J. JOLLY, Director of Marine.

Marine Office, Hong Kong, March 14, 1950.

## NOTICE TO MARINERS NO. 16 OF 1950

## HONG KONG WATERS. VICTORIA HARBOUR.

## ESTABLISHMENT OF WRECK MARKING LIGHT BUOY

Position:—282' 1.6 cables from Lyemun Beacon.

Details:—Wreck marking Light buoy, painted green, exhibiting a green light with flash of one second every three seconds.

Remarks:—Light buoy will be laid, on or about March 14, 1950, when green painted conical buoy will be withdrawn.

Charts Affected:—3279.

Previous Notice to Mariners:—No. 23 of 1948.

Authority:—Marine Department, Hong Kong.

J. JOLLY, Director of Marine.

Marine Office, Hong Kong, March 14, 1950.

## THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Fifty-seventh Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Company's Office, 4th Floor, P. & J. Building, on Thursday, the 16th day of March, 1950, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1949, and to elect Directors and appoint Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 4th March to 16th March, 1950, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD. Agents.

Hong Kong, February 22, 1950.

## HONGKONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED

## NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Company, Limited, Hongkong, on Friday, 31st day of March, 1950, at 11.00 o'clock in the forenoon, to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

The Register of Members and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 18th day of March to the 31st day of March, 1950, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

W. H. PATERSON, Secretary.

Hong Kong, March 10, 1950.

## LAMMERT, BROS.

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## CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"I liked that part where she asked for the fur coat and he refused—and stuck to it!"

## BARCLAY ON BRIDGE By Shepard Barclay

"The Authority on Authorities"

## CARD COUNTING EXACT

WATCHING the fall of the cards and counting carefully can often enable you to know exactly what remains in each of the two hidden hands. The fine cardman does that to whatever extent he can, on every deal. There are times when the knowledge thus obtained guides him unfailingly toward "getting a trick which otherwise would depend on a pure guess or gamble."

So East knew his throw-in play would work when he led the diamond 8 to the J. North then had to lead a heart into the combination tenace of the A-9 in dummy and Q-7 in East's hand to give the declarer 5-odd and top on the deal.

Tomorrow's Problem

S J 10 4  
H 10 8 5 4  
D 7 4 3 2  
C 9 3

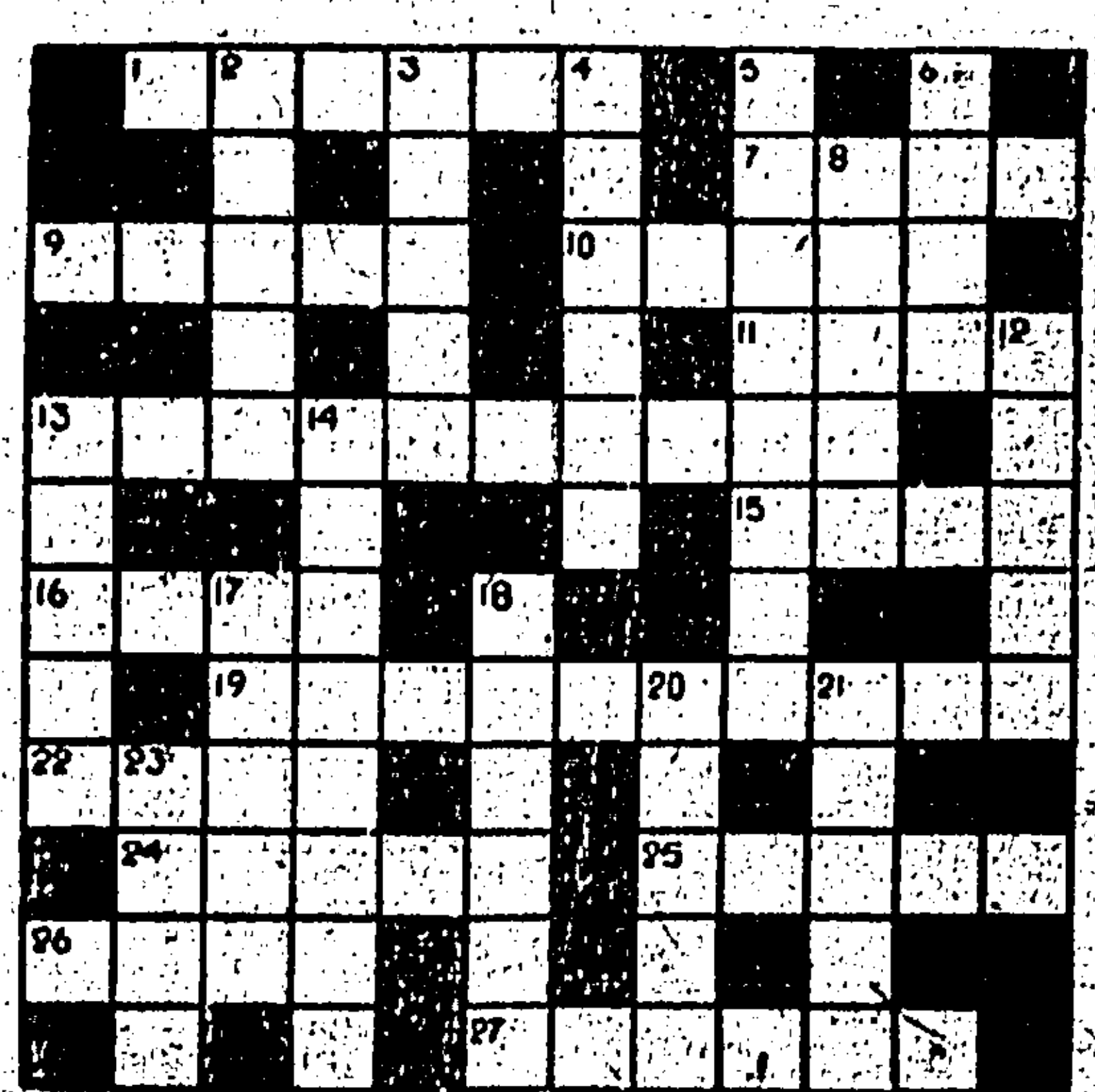
S Q J  
H A K 7 6 8  
D 10 9 5  
C K 6 5 2

S K 5 3  
H Q J 9  
D K Q J 8  
C A 7 4

(Dealer:—South.—North-South vulnerable.)

If West doubles South's 1-No Trump and East passes, what is the best defence?

## A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

1. Hosted. 10. Inference. 2. Assign. 14. Chanting. 7. Mineral salt. 22. Full extent. 3. Burnt. 17. Climb. 9. Counterfeit. 24. Foreign. 4. Bell down. 18. Barely sufficient. 10. Tree. 25. Practice. 5. Dissiminate. 20. Selce (unlawful). 11. Notion. 26. Bearing. 6. Unmixed. 21. Reflection. 12. Not real. 27. Barked shilly. 8. Spoon. 23. Vessel. 15. Tip. 13. Garnish. 15. Tapestry.

Yesterday's Crossword

ACROSS:—1. Triple. 4. Spume. 7. Endure. 8. Wrath. 10. Talo. 12. Lark. 13. Eternity. 16. Seem. 17. Sent. 19. Utter. 20. Entrust. 21. Nice. 23. Brand. 24. Mikado. 25. Revel. 26. Bacon.

DOWN:—1. Treatise. 2. Indolence. 3. Lark. 6. Parison. 9. Matthew. 11. Entrance. 12. Amulet. 13. Caliban. 14. Empress. 15. Edge. 22. Ripe.



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# KASHMIR MEDIATOR APPOINTED BY U.N.

Lake Success, March 14.

The Security Council tonight adopted a resolution setting up a Kashmir Mediator.

The voting on the resolution to appoint a Mediator was eight in favour and none against, with India and Yugoslavia abstaining.

## AMBITIOUS PLAN BY QUIRINO

Manila, March 15.

President Quirino told a Press conference in Baguio that countries of the Middle East might eventually be invited to join the proposed political, economic and cultural union of Western Pacific and South East Asian countries.

There are no geographic limitations to his proposal to get Pacific and Asiatic nations together for promotion of their common interests, but the decision to invite Middle Eastern states will depend upon the South-East Asia and Western Pacific countries which are expected to meet in the near future in an organizational conference in Baguio.

Mr. Quirino stressed, however, that he has no objection to inviting such countries as Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Iran, Iraq, Trans-Jordan, Syria, Lebanon and Yemen.

The President's expansion of the original South East Asia union idea came after a lengthy conference with ex-Senator Salgado Pendatun, who recently toured the Middle East in the course of a trip to Jidda, where he interceded on behalf of stranded Mohammedan Filipino pilgrims.

Mr. Pendatun told the President that the Middle East States may be inclined to join a non-Communist union because they are essentially non-Communist.

## GLOUCESTERS IN NAIROBI

Nairobi, March 14.

The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester arrived here by air today on a fortnight's visit to Kenya. Reporters and photographers were barred from the airfield at the orders of Kenya's Governor, Sir Philip Mitchell.

The reason given for the ban was that the Royal visit is a private holiday.

Police patrol cars escorted the Duke and Duchess, accompanied by the Governor and other high British officials who welcomed them, to Government House where they will spend the night.

During his visit the Duke will present the Royal Charter to Nairobi, raising it from the status of a town to that of a city. The Royal couple are to stay with Lord Francis Scott, former uncle of the Duchess, at Imanaga, 120 miles from Nairobi.—Reuter.

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The Council's decision ends another phase in this long-drawn out dispute. The first phase was the appointment of a Kashmir Commission of five men, and the second was reached when they reported a deadlock in the negotiations.

The task of the mediator will be to supervise demilitarisation in the disputed territory now occupied by four types of forces—Indian regular forces, aided by Kashmir State forces on one side, and Pakistan regular forces, and Azad (Free) Kashmir forces on the other.

India today accepted the Council's decision with a few reservations about the methods and timing of demilitarisation. These same reservations deadlocked the Kashmir Commission.

Security Council circles hope that one-man mediation may overcome these obstacles.

Mr. Benegal Narain Rau read the Government of India's statement informing the Security Council that it accepted the four-power resolution on Kashmir subject to reaffirmation of its position regarding the demilitarisation proposals.

### Call to parties

The resolution called upon India and Pakistan to carry out a demilitarisation programme within five months from the date of the resolution.

The names most frequently mentioned for the delicate task of mediation were Mr. Benegal Narain Rau, chosen earlier to supervise the Kashmir plebiscite, Dr. Herbert Evatt, former Australian Minister for External Affairs, and Dr. Ralph Bunche, former Acting Mediator in Palestine.

The name of General Carlos P. Romulo, of the Philippines, has also been mentioned.

The Council resumed the Kashmir debate under the presidency of Dr. Homero La Fronte. The President invited Sir Mohammed Zafrullah Khan, of Pakistan, to sit at the Council table and also the chairman and members of the United Nations Kashmir Commission.

### Pakistan views

The Kashmir question has been before the Council for two years. Dr. La Fronte said that, as had been agreed, upon last time, he would call on the Indian representative, Mr. Benegal Narain Rau, to explain to the Council the views which his Government had communicated to him.

The President said that he would do this especially in view of the remarks made by the British representative, as spokesman, for the four countries sponsoring the resolution before the Council. Sir Mohammed Zafrullah Khan declared that Pakistan accepted the joint resolution and would do all in its power to co-operate with the United Nations representative in the letter and spirit of the resolution.

"I need hardly remind the Security Council that Pakistan's attitude generally with regard to the resolution has been that it is based on the McNaughton proposals," he said.

He also stated that Pakistan had accepted the McNaughton proposals. Sir Mohammed said that it was perfectly clear that the resolution spoke of resolutions made between the parties, in the sense of the August 13, 1948, and January 5, 1949, resolutions of the United Nations Kashmir Commission.—Reuter.

London, March 14.

Mr. Habib Rahman, the Pakistan High Commissioner to Britain, will leave London by air for Madrid on Thursday on a week's official visit during which he will hold trade discussions with officials of the Spanish Government.—Reuter.

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## JUDGE WEEPS IN COURT

Quebec, March 14.

After the Judge had broken down in Court, the 32-year-old jeweller, J. Albert Guay, was today found guilty of murdering his wife by planting a time bomb in a plane in which 23 people died.

Guay was sentenced to be hanged on June 23.

A 12-man French-speaking Criminal Assizes Jury brought in the "guilty" verdict. They had heard Guay described by the Prosecution as a hypocrite with a diabolical turn of mind, who was responsible for the time bomb being put aboard the Canadian Pacific airliner which blew up in September killing all on board.

Defence Counsel contended that Guay was a model husband and that the Prosecution had failed to prove that he was the sort of man who would engineer such a macabre crime.

The Jury took less than half an hour to reach its verdict.

When the Chief Judge, Mr. Albert Sevigny, finished his three-hour charge, he was weeping. Before he broke down and wept, the 68-year-old Judge told the Jury: "It is not sufficient that a Jury believe an accused is probably guilty—a man cannot be convicted on suspicion."

Although 23 people died in the airliner, the charge was specifically of murdering his wife, by placing a time bomb on board the aircraft.

The Prosecution alleged that Guay's motives were a \$10,000 insurance policy on the life of his 28-year-old wife and the love of "Mary Angel"—pretty, 19-year-old Marie Angel Rabitaille, an actress. Guay took the verdict stolidly, his head down.

The Judge told him before pronouncing sentence of death that, for hatred of his wife and passion for "Mary Angel," he had perpetrated a diabolical, infamous crime.

The Judge told the Jury that they were the best and most diligent he had seen in 22 years on the bench and praised their good verdict.—Reuter.

## WATER WORKERS GO ON STRIKE

Paris, March 14.

About 1,500 Paris water workers—about half the total employed on the capital's supply system—are on strike today.

They are members of the Communist-led General Confederation of Labour.

Municipal officials assured Parisians that water pressure will be maintained. They are less hopeful about adequate water supplies in the event of a big fire.

The two non-Communist unions—Force Ouvriere and the Christian Workers' Union—did not join the strike.

Estimates elsewhere on the strike front: Metal Workers—275,000 idle throughout France, including 60,000 in the Paris area, or 15 per cent of the total number there. Seventy-two per cent of workers back at the nationalised Renault motorcar factory in Paris and 60 per cent back at the Peugeot motor plant in Eastern France.

Guay—Still the black spot, with Communist and non-Communist unionists out and pressure very low.—Reuter.

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## Bombay riot situation worsens

Bombay, March 14.

The communal situation in Bombay worsened this afternoon when three Muslims were stabbed outside the King-Edward Memorial Hospital in the Hindu area.

The curfew imposed yesterday on the Muslim area has been withdrawn, but a dawn to dusk curfew has been clamped on the industrial district where there is a Hindu majority and few Muslims.

Unofficial estimates of casualties since the beginning of the disturbances are five killed and 18 wounded.—Associated Press.

## GRIFFIN MISSION AT WORK

Saigon, March 14.

An American Economic Mission which will make recommendations on aid to Indo-China left Saigon today on a one-day plane trip to the Indo-Chinese kingdom of Cambodia.

The Mission, headed by the California publisher, Mr. Alan Griffin, is expected to start its final recommendations for Washington on Wednesday.

The American group is to have dinner tonight with King Norodom Sihanouk in Phnom Penh, capital of Cambodia.

It is to fly to Singapore on Thursday.

At a dinner on Monday night when the Vietnam Premier, Gen. Phan Long, was host, Mr. Griffin said Communist charges that the United States wants to take over Indo-China are absurd.

"We have more air and naval bases than we know what to do with," he said. "We would like to have fewer, not more."

"America's only interest in Indo-China," he said, "is that we want a peaceful and free world. That is an ideal we share with the British Commonwealth, the French Union and all people who have individual freedom."—Associated Press.

## NEW DEPARTMENT IN FO

London, March 14.

The Foreign Office has set up a new "Western Organisation" Department to handle the various alliances and groupings of Western powers.

The new Department, which will be under the control of the existing head of the Western Department, Mr. Evelyn Shuckburgh, will be responsible for business connected with the North Atlantic Pact, the Western Union and the Council of Europe.—Reuter.

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A lot of Guy. Someone in Taipei apparently decided to tell the world that it didn't require a K. C. to persuade K. C. to stop being cagey.

Someone's tribe refuses to pay taxes, until their chieftain is returned to them. Now why the tribe can't wait until an excuse like that?

Another leopard has escaped from a zoo, this time in Auckland. "It was last seen," said our report, "sitting in the enclosure." That should have made anyone suspicious.

The man who said that every picture tells a story hasn't been to the cinema lately.

Negative result. Because of alleged evasion of duties, the Nanking U.S. Embassy's recent spring sale has come to a photo finish.

Poor little rich girl actress in Hollywood claims she wasn't getting enough to eat. This is until the reporters arrived.

"Ink poured into washbowl." It all came out in the wash, though. The court declared this was not the write thing to do, and differences have now been ironed out.

From the London papers just arrived by sea mail: "Learned British troops, including Royal Marines, moved into Hong Kong yesterday, general strike was threatened over a transport dispute." Really amazing what these Army Educational Corps can do.

The new order. Judging by yesterday's reports, there is now no cause for Shanghai wives to be suspicious when hubby says he is working late at the office.

Becoming worried about the ever-increasing population of Japan. "The Times" advocates that the baby blockade might usually be adapted over there.

Nobody seems to have considered as a solution the use of the four islands, as rocket-testing grounds.

Did you hear about the estate agent who died and now lives in furnished rooms?

"American government reforms." It hap. About time, too.

"Ever had a motor accident?" queried the insurance man.

"Well," hesitated Mr. Smithson, "I first met my wife in a garage."

"I've just planted my spring hat. Would you mind growing it in your greenhouse?"

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# THE GRAND ALLIANCE

## Evacuation of Crete

By Winston Churchill



He was now an hour and a half late on his time-table, and it was not until sunrise that he turned South to pass through the Kato Strait. Flighter protection had been arranged, but partly through the change in times the aircraft did not find the ships.

The dreaded bombing began at 6 a.m. and continued until 3 p.m., when the squadron was within a hundred miles of Alexandria.

The Hereward was the first casualty. At 6.25 a.m. she was hit by a bomb and could no longer keep up with the convoy.

The Admiral rightly decided that he must leave the stricken ship to her fate. She was last seen approaching the coast of Crete.

The majority of those on board survived, though as prisoners of war. Worse was to follow.

During the next four hours the cruisers Dido and Orion and the destroyer Decoy were all hit.

The speed of the squadron fell to 21 knots, but all kept their Southern course in company.

In the Orin conditions were appalling. Besides her own crew she had 1,100 troops on board. On her crowded mess-

Two of these had to return, but he continued with the Naples and Nizam (a destroyer given to us by the Prince and people of Hyderabad), and successfully embarked over 1,500 troops.

Both ships were damaged by near-misses on the return voyage, but reached Alexandria safely. The King of Greece, after many perils, had been brought off with the British Minister a few days earlier.

That night also General Freyberg was evacuated by air on instructions from the Commanders-in-Chief.

Admiral King sailed again on the morning of the 31st, with the Phoebe, Abdiel, and three destroyers. They could not hope to carry all, but Admiral Cunningham ordered the ships to be filled to the utmost.

At the same time the Admiralty were told that this would be the last night of evacuation. The em-

Evacuation of Crete was now in its final stages. The British ships were under heavy attack from German aircraft.

The Bismarck, a German battleship, was sighted in the area. It was heavily damaged by British ships.

The Bismarck was sunk by British ships on May 27, 1941. The ship was heavily damaged and was unable to continue its journey.

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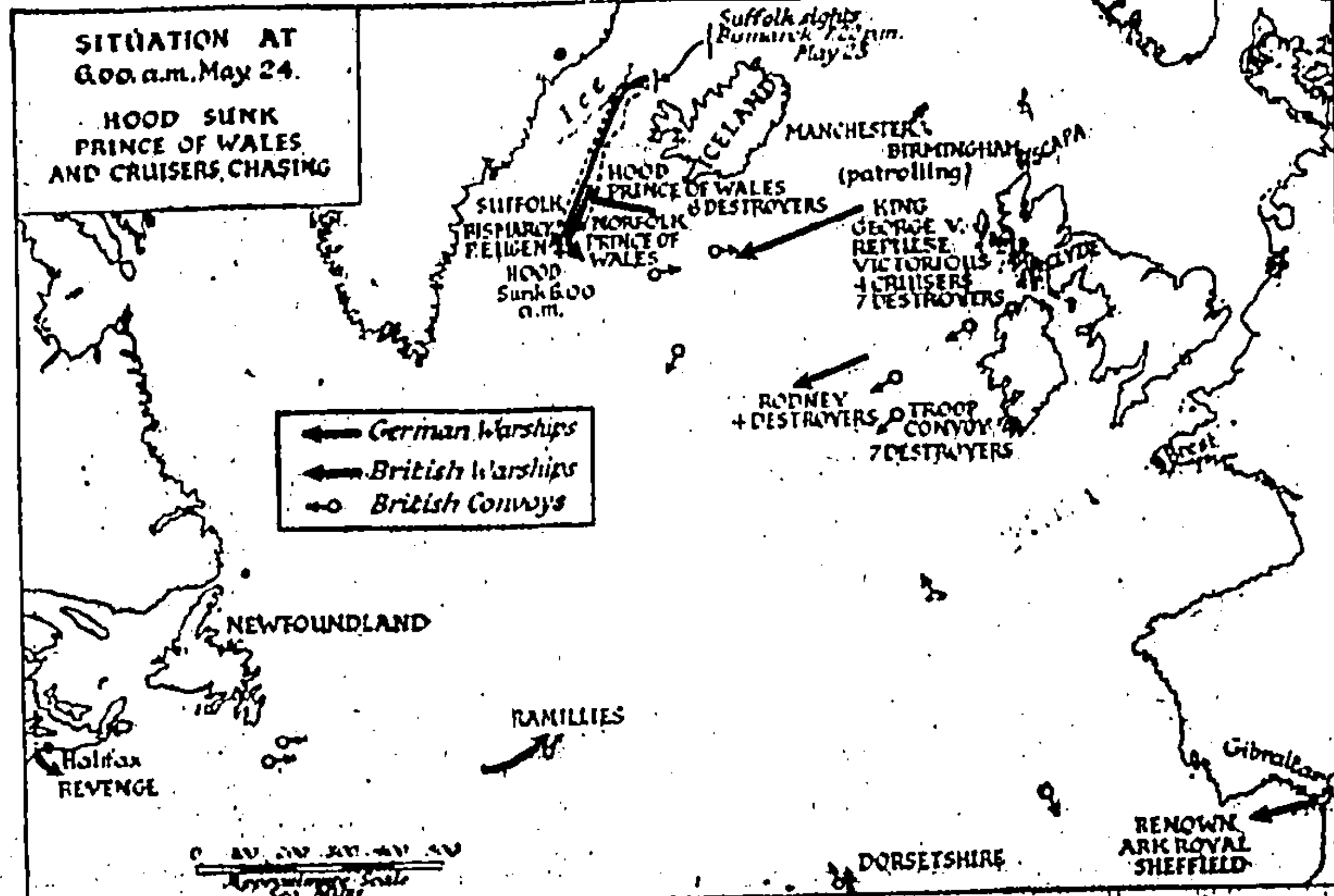
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from Scarpanto from 5 p.m. till dusk. The Ajax and the destroyer Imperial were near misad and the former had to return. Arriving at Heraklion before midnight, the destroyers ferried the troops to the cruisers waiting outside.

At 3.20 a.m. the work was completed. Four thousand men had been embarked and the return voyage began. Half an hour later the steering gear of the damaged Imperial suddenly failed, and collision with the cruisers was narrowly averted.

It was imperative that the whole force should be as far as possible to the South by daylight. Admiral Rawlings nevertheless decided to order the destroyer Hotspur to return, take off all the Imperial's troops and crew, and sink her. It was reduced to speed 15 knots, and the Hotspur, carrying 900 soldiers, rejoined him just before daylight.

given to ideology a less pedantic and warmer human significance.

But the longer road is of less immediate importance than the short one—to peace in Kashmir. Responsible public men in India are talking openly of war with Pakistan, and even the Socialist leader, Jai Prakash Narain, suggested that Indian troops be sent into East Pakistan—though "this may sound odd for international behaviour."

If it meant war, he added, well, it couldn't be helped! This is a dangerous hour. Indeed, the one thing that probably alone keeps the conflict from breaking down into open war is the memory of long association together under the Raj, and many battles fought so gallantly by the troops of both countries side by side only a few years ago.

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# SELF-DETERMINATION CRITICISED BY PEER "Former colonies sitting ducks for Communists"

London, March 14.

Lord Mancroft, Chairman of the Conservative Party Speakers' Association, warned today that vast areas of the world are being handed over to Communism by a policy of giving them self-government. He fears that many of the countries that have broken away from Britain, France or the Netherlands since the end of the war, are sitting ducks for Communism, without the protection of their former colonial masters. Known as the "Tory Firebrand of the House of Lords," the 36-year-old Peer has several times been mentioned as a certainty for the Colonial or Commonwealth ministerial office in the event of the Conservative Party coming to power.

## LUNGHWA AIRPORT BLASTED

Taipei, March 14.

A Nationalist air force communiqué today officially claimed that the Lungghwa airport of Shanghai has been 80 per cent destroyed under the greatest concentration of four-motored bombers ever attacking a single point on the continent.

Six flights of B-24s, based on Taiwan and taking off from mountain-girded airports, followed one another over the former giant international airport, dropping tons of 500-pound bombs on the control tower, runways, and administrative buildings. The communiqué said reconnaissance reports from Mustangs that later flew over the target area reported huge fires burning, runways blasted, and the control tower wrecked.

Reports said that 80 per cent damage was left in the wake of the bombers which, on each flight, dropped more than 5,000 pounds of explosives.

In other sweeps, the air force claimed that its planes spotted freighters and soldier-laden ferries trying to land on Kiangtong Island, in Hangchow Bay. The pilots said that the vessels were sunk and the troops scattered with many casualties.

Still other bombers reported finding and blasting a concentration of junks at Pengpu, important inland river town halfway between Nanking and Hsuehchow on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway.

Tuesday's flights on Shanghai were led by the air force ace, Lieutenant-Colonel Shui Chianpan and Lieutenant-Colonel Wang Ting-chi.—United Press.



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He pulled no punches in an interview in his criticism of the Labour Government policy of according self-determination to countries which lack political maturity and cohesion to stand on their own feet.

"Can it truly and logically be said that by allowing such countries to cut loose from imperial rule, the Government has contributed to world peace and stability?" Lord Mancroft asked.

In his opinion it should be obvious to the world that the policy of according self-government to unstable countries has defeated its avowed purpose of world stability.

He said: "The door to India, for example, is swinging today on its latch, waiting for somebody to kick it open. That kick is clearly coming from Communist China, whose regime we have so prematurely recognised."

He drew attention to the communal strife which rages just as fiercely as ever in India today.

"We were always told that there would be no peace in India until the British left. We were always told this everywhere."

### HK prosperity

"But it is curious that it is only in places like Ceylon and Hong Kong, which still remain in the Empire, that peace and prosperity seem to prevail in the East."

The Communist thrust on India may come through Burma or through Tibet, Lord Mancroft said.

"Burma has lapsed into anarchy since the British gave her self-government, and is therefore fertile soil for Communism."

He castigated the British Government for its failure to win the confidence of the Chinese population in Malaya.

"I am told there is complete confidence in the High Commissioner in Malaya, but that there is not the same confidence in the Colonial Office."

Lord Mancroft emphasised that all Chinese in Malaya are not potential rebels, and cited instances of their protestations against the Communist-inspired rebellions.

"But in times of crisis, protestations are not enough. The Chinese reaction has unfortunately been too often one of complacency and neutrality. But most certainly, if the British left Malaya, the Chinese Communists would be in full charge in a matter of months."

Lord Mancroft expressed similar doubts regarding Indonesia and Indo-China.

### Lost identity

"It will be interesting to see whether Indonesia has the political maturity and cohesion to stand on her own feet, or whether she will become a sitting target for Communism and sink into anarchy and misery like those countries which have achieved political independence before they were strong enough to exercise it."

Regarding Indo-China, if Vietnam was to escape from Communist rule, it would be because the French army continues to fight there, he said.

## Peace banners flown over Parliament

London, March 14.  
The police are tonight trying to find who set two banners reading "Peace" and "Ban the Atom Bomb" floating above Parliament today. The slogans, painted roughly in white on six-foot square sheets of canvas, were visible to lunch-time crowds in the streets outside Parliament.—Reuter.

## PEER'S WRIT FOR LIBEL

London, March 14.

Lord Kemsley, British Press magnate, today issued a libel writ against the Socialist weekly "Tribune" for an article headed "Lower Than Kemsley"—a defence of the War Minister, Mr. John Strachey.

Mr. Strachey, now responsible for tightening up security measures following the conviction of the atom scientist, Klaus Fuchs, for giving atom secrets to Russia, had been attacked in Lord Beaverbrook's "Evening Standard," which said that he had never disavowed Communism.

The "Tribune's" counter-attack, written by a Member of Parliament, Mr. Michael Foot, under the headline "Lower Than Kemsley," said that the "Evening Standard's" story 12 days ago was "the foulest piece of journalism perpetrated in this country for many a long year."

In reply, Lord Kemsley today issued his writ against the publishing firm responsible for the headline, against Mr. Foot, against Miss Jennie Lee—wife of the Health Minister, Mr. Aneurin Bevan—who is a member of the Editorial Board of the paper, and against Mrs. Evelyn Anderson, joint Editor of the paper with Mr. Foot.

Earlier repercussions of the "Standard" article included the resignation from the "Daily Express"—an associated paper of the "Evening Standard"—of the Beaverbrook group—of the star correspondent, James Cameron.

Mr. Cameron protested at "purge by press," and announced that he had resigned to dissociate himself from "the organisation that initiated the witch-hunt."

Before that the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, had issued a reply to the "Standard" allegations, and this was followed by a personal statement by Mr. Strachey. Both agreed that Mr. Strachey had made clear his opposition to the Communists.—Reuter.

## ISRAEL-JORDAN AGREEMENT

Beirut, March 14.

King Abdullah of Jordan today told Arab States' representatives of a new agreement between Jordan and Israel, the Lebanese Minister in Amman, reported to the Lebanese Foreign Ministry tonight.

Official quarters here have no comment, but commercial circles fear that under the agreement, Haifa will replace Beirut as Jordan's main outlet to the Mediterranean.

They said this would deprive the Lebanon of many million Lebanese Pounds profit yearly.

(According to Damascus reports, the agreement includes the return of Arab properties in Israel to their owners, the resumption of trade between the two States, and the retention of the armistice agreement boundaries, except in Jerusalem).—Reuter.

Melbourne, March 14.  
A mass meeting of Melbourne tram and bus employees today decided by an overwhelming majority to continue their 20-day old strike for an increase of A£1 (16 shillings Sterling) weekly for maintenance men.—Reuter.

## Bao Dai Government impresses Jessup

Paris, March 14.

The U.S. Roving Ambassador, Dr. Philip C. Jessup, said today that the French-backed Bao Dai regime in Vietnam is the surest means of enabling these people to establish and maintain their independence.

"We want to see the people of Indo-China make the best of the opportunity the French have given them for full independence and national development," Dr. Jessup said. He added that the opportunity was for development within the French Union.

Dr. Jessup, who has completed a 22,000-mile trip through the Far East, told reporters that the desire to realise full independence is strong in Far Eastern countries. He declined to comment on possible U.S. aid to Indo-China until after he reports to the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, on his trip, which included visits to 14 Far Eastern countries.

Dr. Jessup's findings on the tour, during which he conducted a conference of U.S. Far Eastern diplomats, are expected to form the basis for America's policy towards the countries now being menaced by the spread of Communism in China.

Dr. Jessup said Russia's recognition of Ho Chi-minh, guerrilla leader fighting the Vietnam regime, makes it clear that his movement is supported from Moscow and now has new support from the Communists in China.

Dr. Jessup talked on Monday with the French Premier, Mr. Georges Bidault, and the Foreign Minister, Mr. Robert Schuman, as well as American leaders of the Marshall plan.

Part of the proposed U.S. aid to Indo-China is to come from Marshall plan funds.

Dr. Jessup declined to say whether he thinks that aid to Indo-China, which is to be both economic and military, should be controlled by the French, or by Indo-China States themselves. Leaders of Bao Dai's Government have asked that the Vietnam States control distribution of the assistance. French spokesmen have insisted it should be run from Paris.—Associated Press.

# GOVERNMENT WINS THIRD COMMONS TEST

London, March 14.

The Government tonight overthrew the third consecutive challenge in the new Parliament by 19 votes.

With a paper majority of only six on the full membership, it got 308 votes to 289 in a division forced by the Tories on alleged Government over-spending.

The Liberals abstained from a vote on which the Government would have resigned if defeated.

Though the Government could fall just as easily now as six days ago, the atmosphere in the House of Commons was almost relaxed compared to the electric tension of the previous votes.

The Whips of both Parties again simply lashed their members into near-complete mobilisation for the vote, but half an hour before it the House was far from full.

At one point in the six-hour debate only 104 of the 225 members were present.

The Socialists, now confident that they can ride any storm Mr. Churchill can blow up, went into the battle sure of victory.

Many Members of Parliament compelled to give up many of their normal activities to stand ready for the crucial division, were glad to have reached the end of the first series of confidence votes.

### Defence debate

Defence matters will be discussed in an important debate on Thursday, but no more confidence votes are due for this week.

All Parties seem fairly satisfied with the course of the confidence votes. The Government has found it can beat off a combined Conservative-Liberal onslaught if necessary.

The Conservatives had not expected perhaps not hoped to overthrow the Government at this stage of Parliament.

Today's victory followed by a few hours a statement by Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, that expansion of the mushrooming National Health Service must and will halt.

Sir Stafford also warned all Government departments to stop overspending their "budget" estimates.

Sir Stafford admitted that the cost of the two-year-old National Health Service had got out of control last year, but promised that from now on, development will not proceed faster than the country's rate of growth.—Associated Press and United Press.

## MALAYANS MAY VISIT CHINA

Singapore, March 16.

Malayans may visit Communist China without special visas provided they have passports or travel permits endorsed by Hong Kong.

Guarantors for visitors or passengers in transit to Hong Kong are still necessary before passports or travel permits are granted, but from Hong Kong, Malaysians may visit China without restrictions.

Similarly, people from China visiting Malaya may do so by going to Hong Kong, provided they have an approved entry permit granted by the immigration authorities in Malaya.—Reuter.

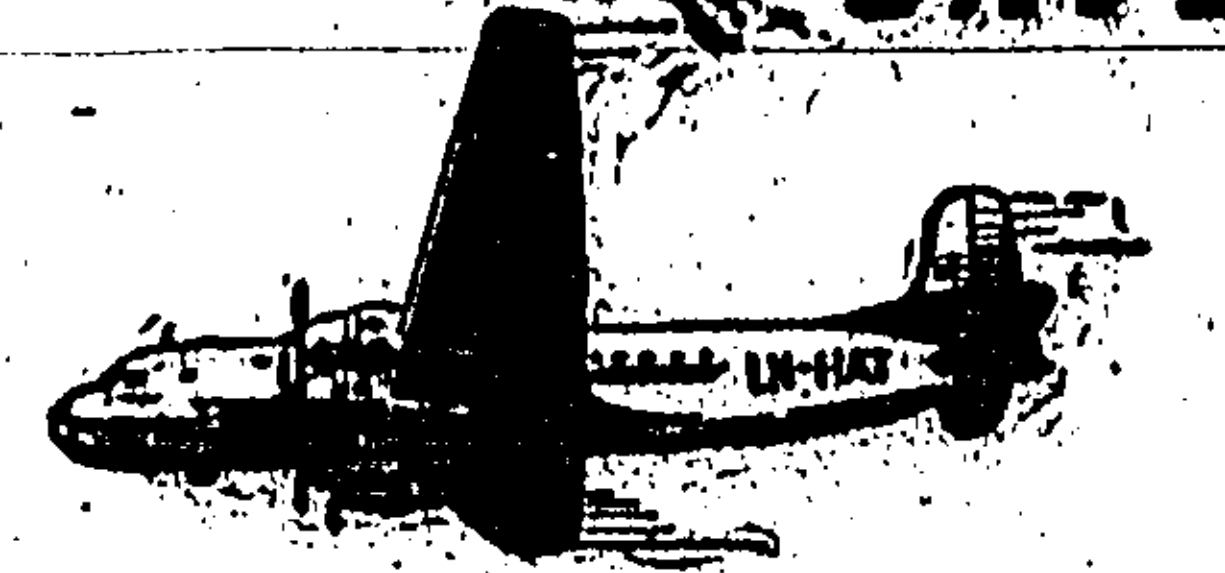
## LONDON ON RECOGNITION

London, March 14.

A Government spokesman said today that united action by the British Commonwealth nations on recognition of Communist China was not possible because of varying attitudes.

The Minister of State, Mr. K.G. Younger said in a written reply to a question from a Conservative member of the House of Commons that the Commonwealth and other friendly countries were kept fully informed at every stage of the deliberations.—Associated Press.

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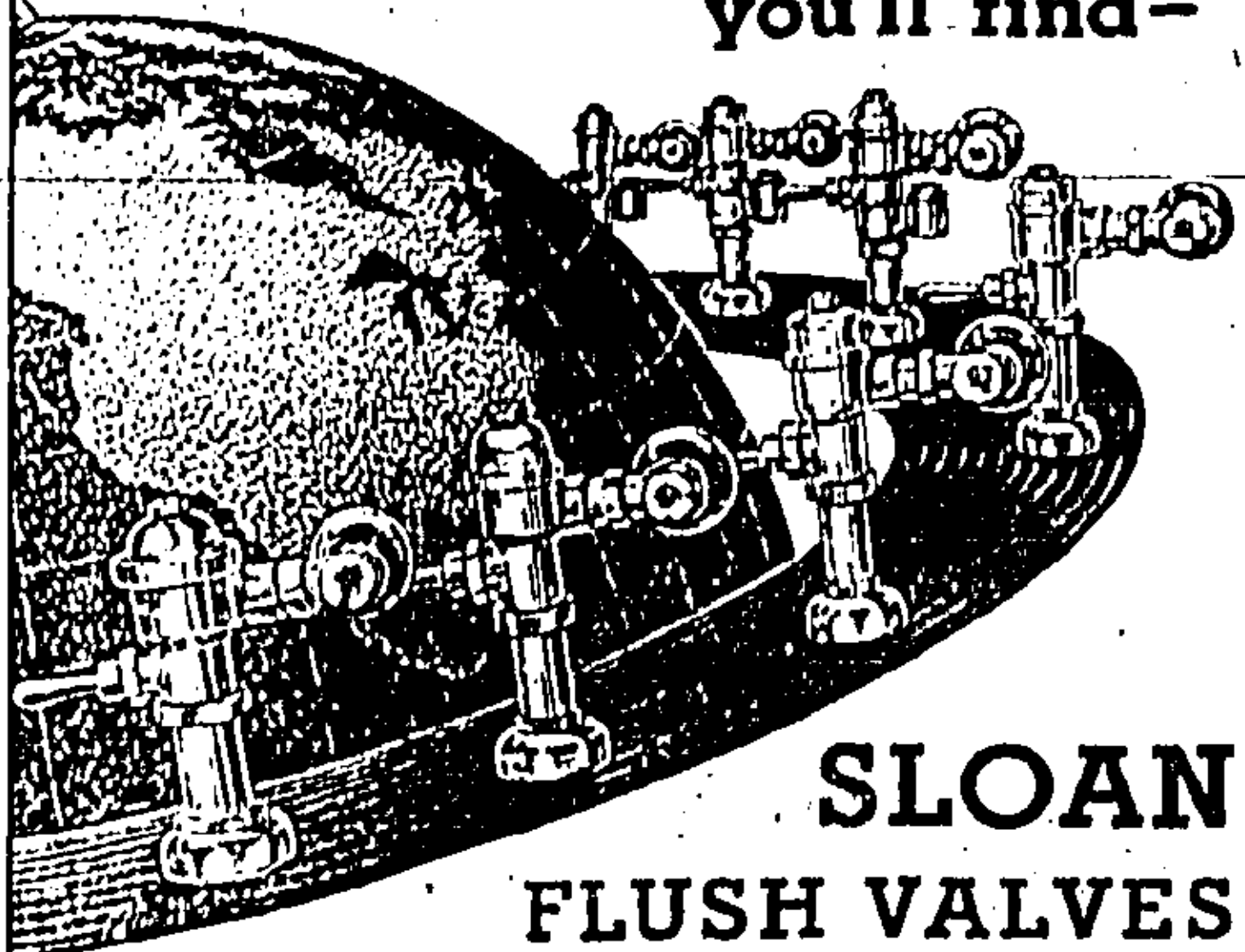
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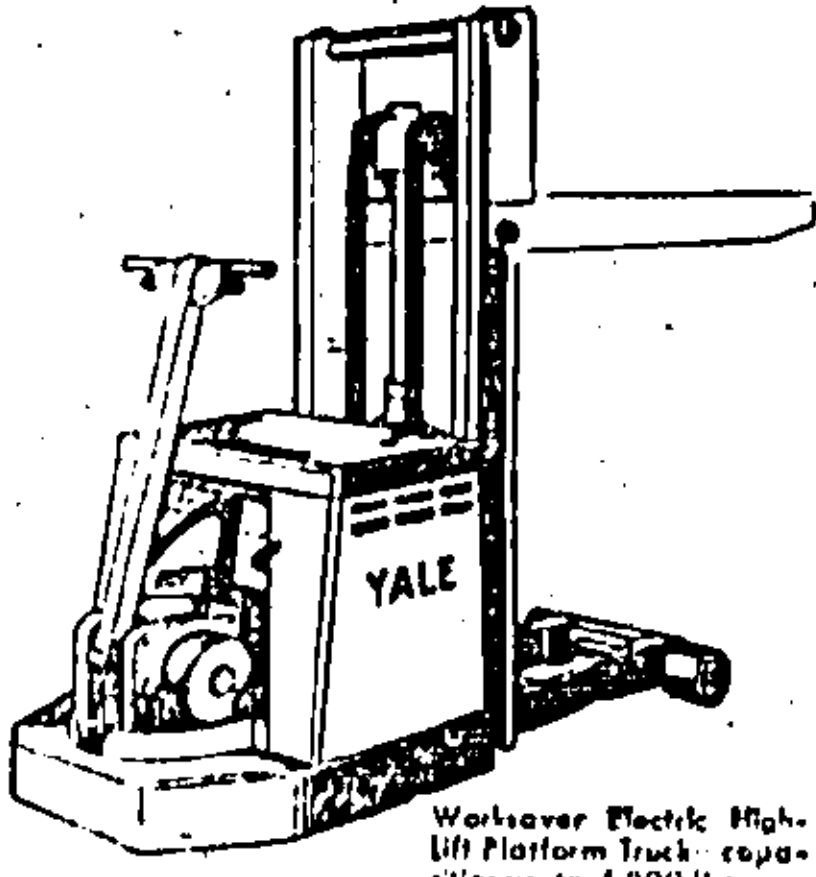
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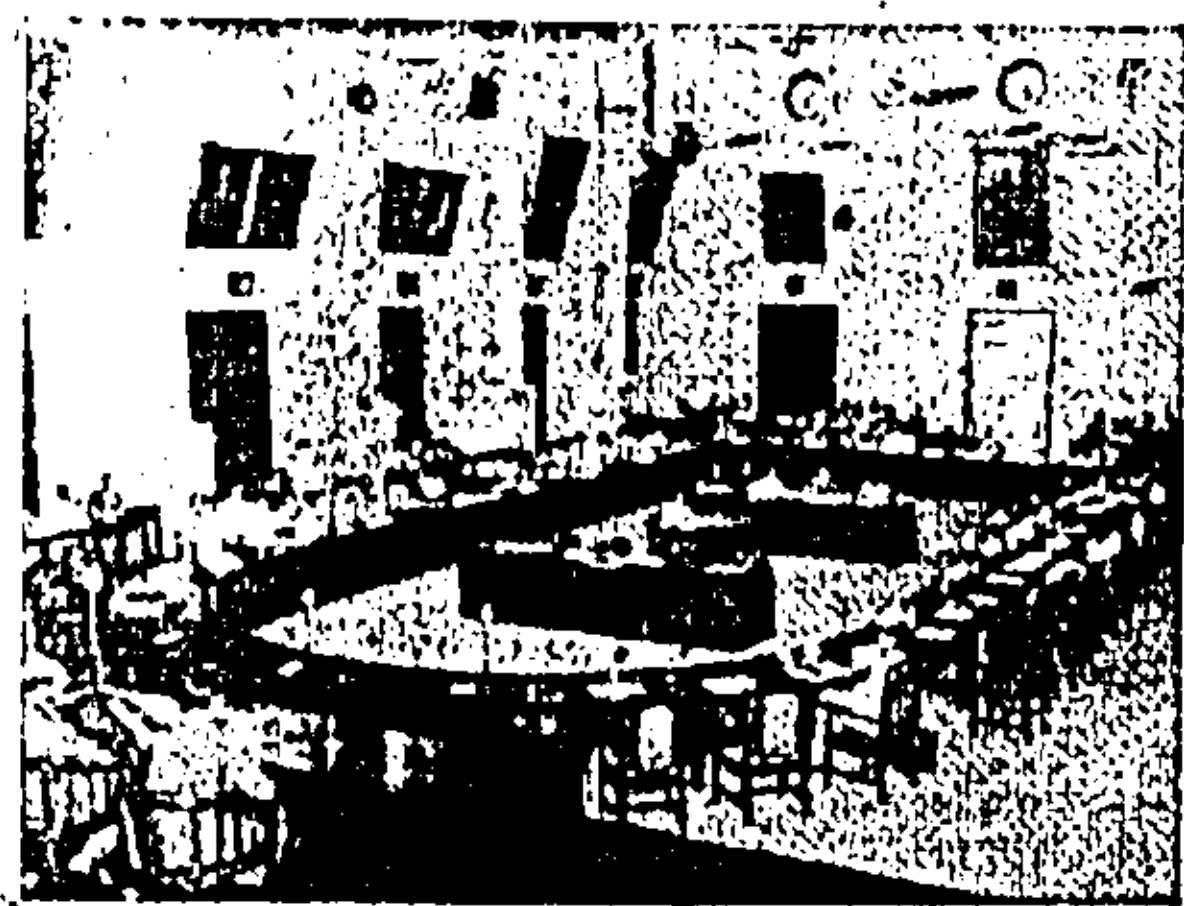
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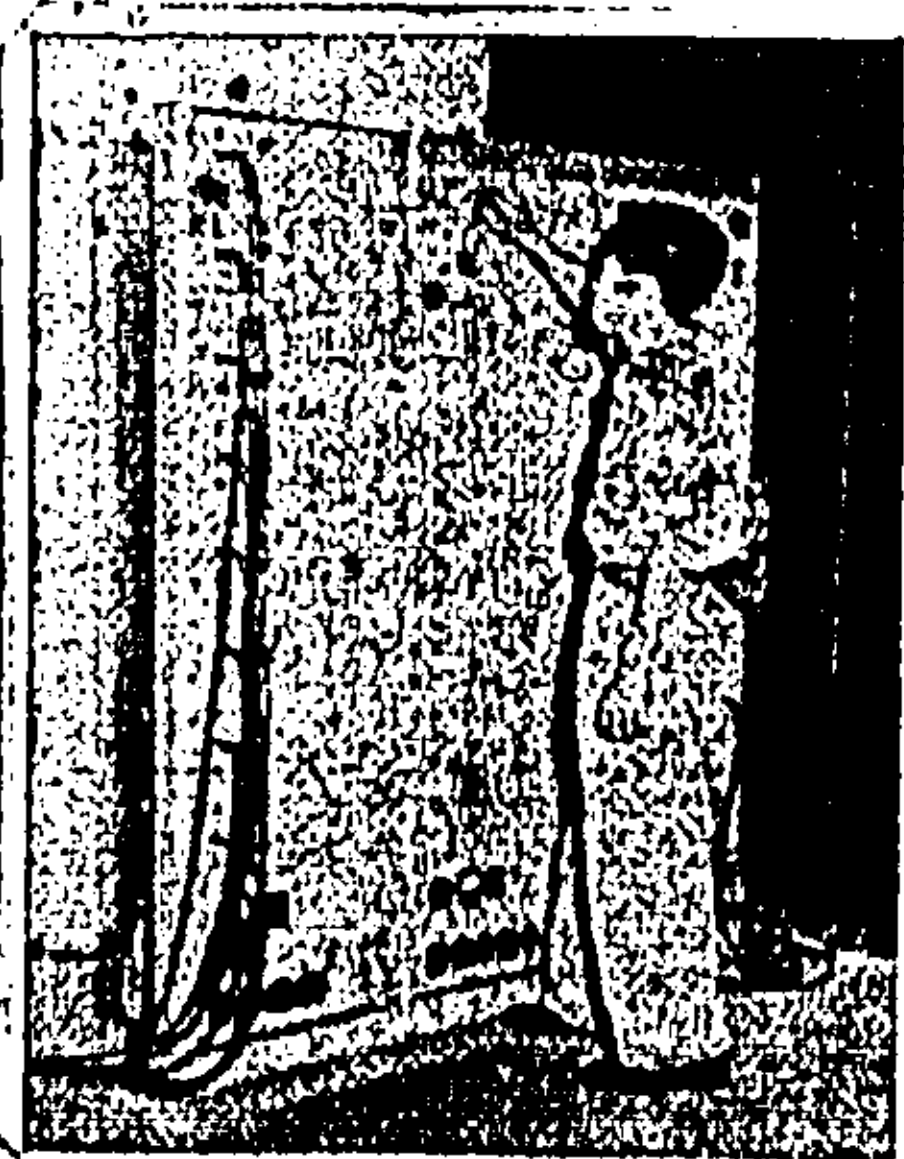
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This unit is one of 10 ordered by Shell for use in its oilfields—three more will go to Venezuela and the remainder are destined for oilfields in Indonesia, Trinidad and Egypt.

Before the war, the majority of oil well servicing units were manufactured in the U.S. and the fulfilment of this order in the UK represents not only a saving of about 250,000 dollars but is also a noteworthy achievement by the manufacturers—the Woodfield Hoist Co. Ltd. of Rochester, Kent. Technical advice and assistance were given to the manufacturers throughout the design and development stages by some of Shell's oilfield engineers who had experience of operating similar units in oilfields in South America, the Middle East and the Far East.

#### Weights 25-tons

The unit, which has been painted olive green and grey, weighs approximately 25 tons. It comprises a double or single drum diesel hoist and a 64 ft. telescoping tubular steel mast, weighing 4 tons 15 cwt., all mounted on a Leyland "Hippo" truck.

The overall height of the unit is 13 ft. 9 ins. when the mast is telescoped to a horizontal position on the truck for travelling.

The vehicle is fitted with power-assisted steering and will incorporate right or left-hand drive, as required; it has a 5-man cab for the crew and its giant sized tyres measure 13 ins. by 20 ins. in the front and 11 ins. by 24 ins. at the rear.

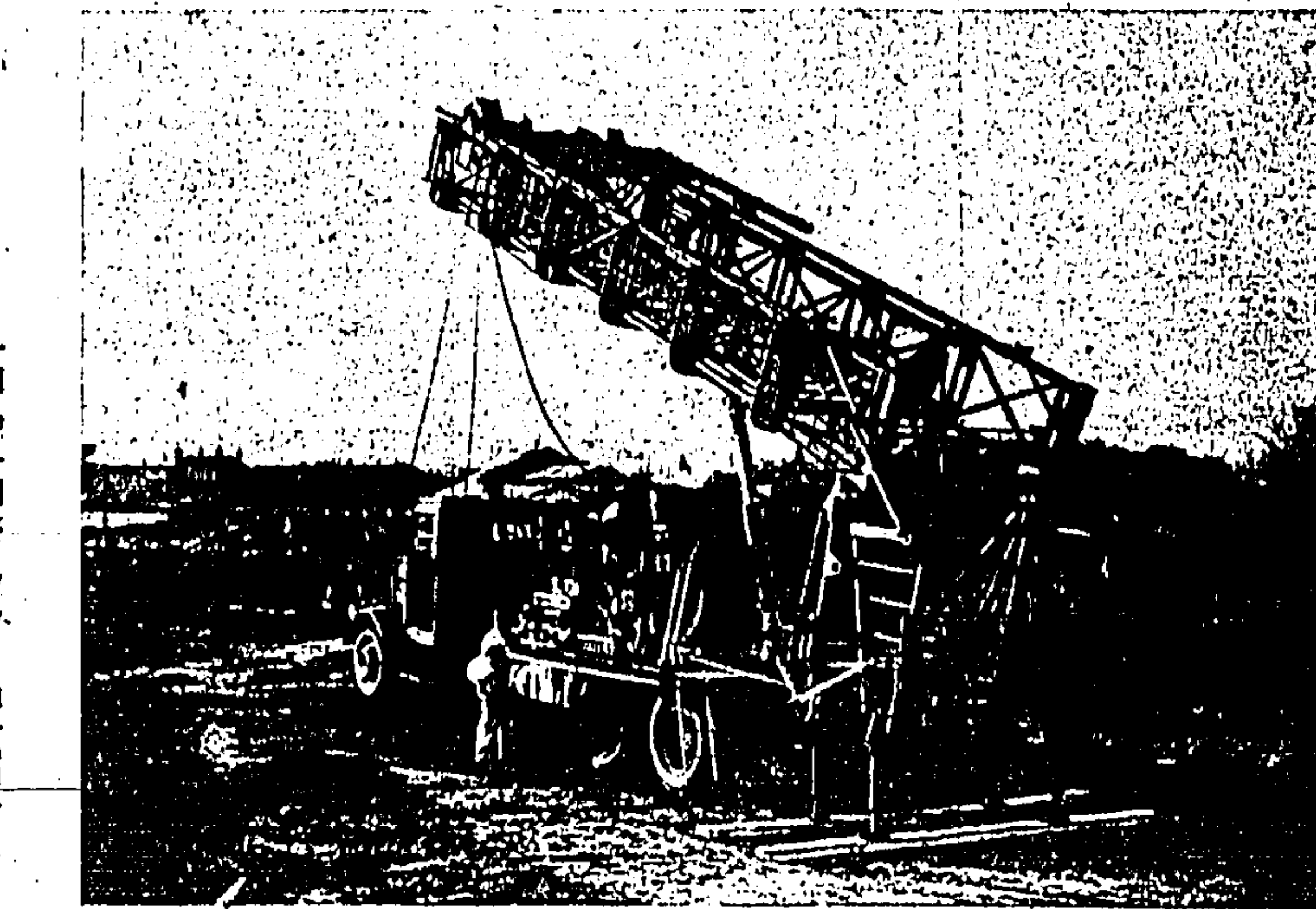
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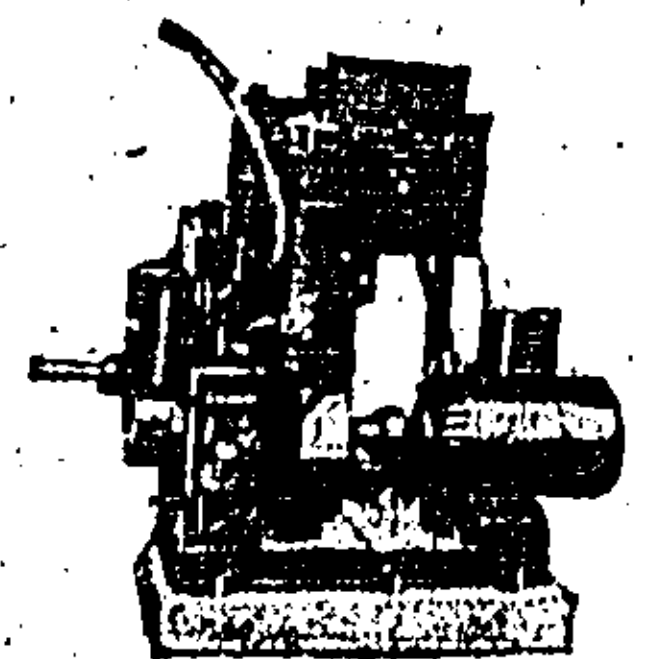
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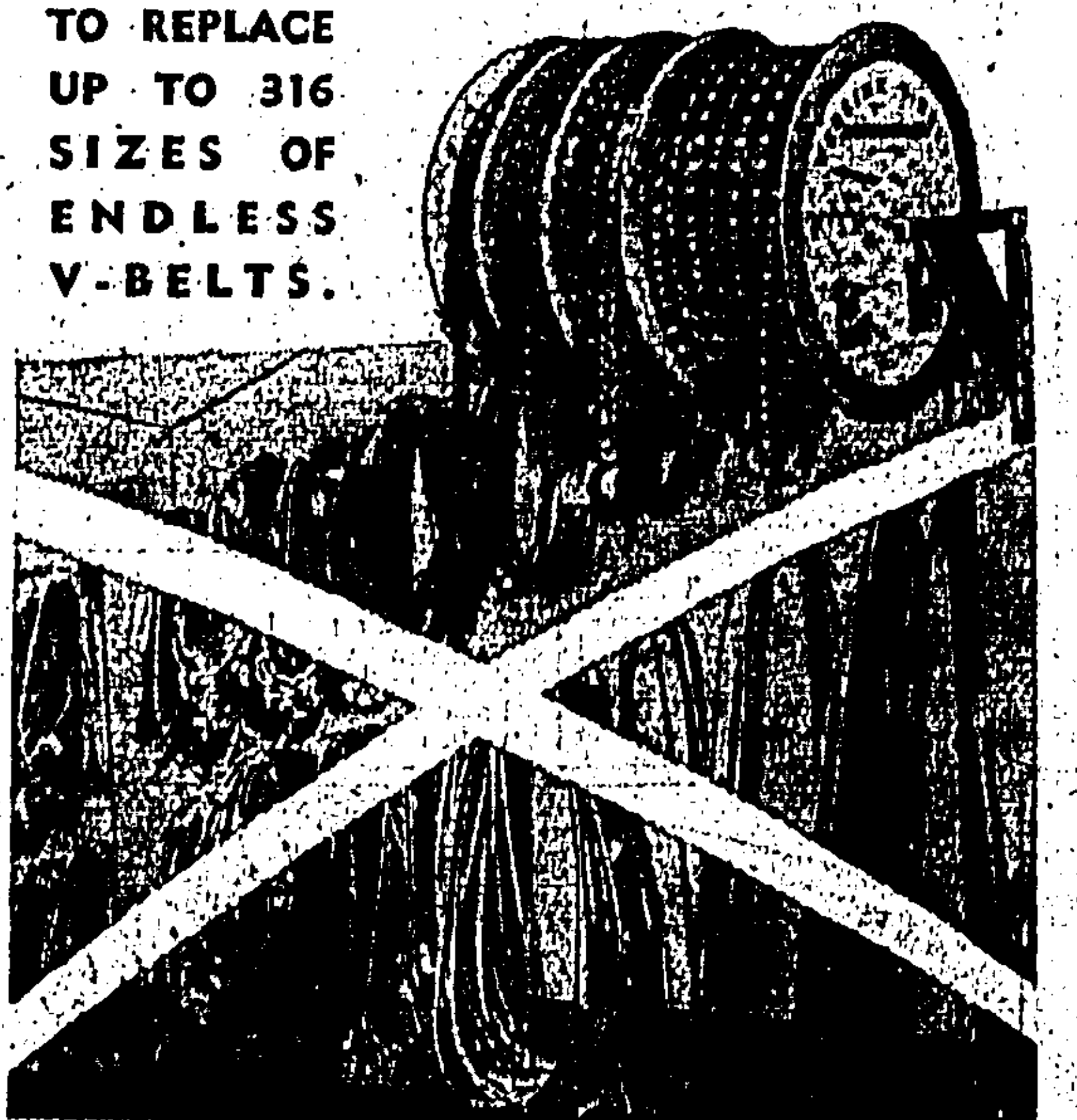
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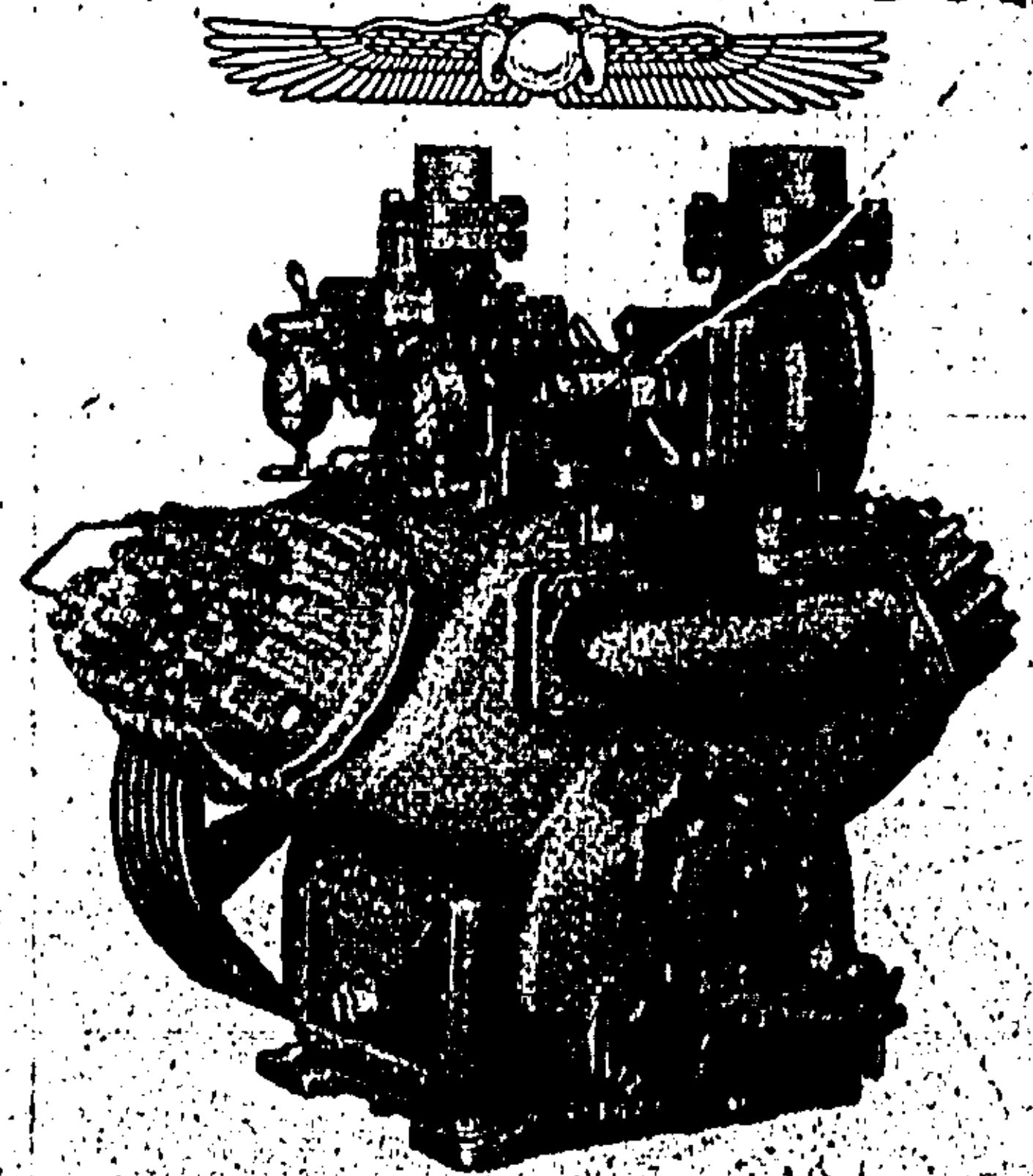
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# CHINESE DELEGATE'S ATTACK ON MR. LIE

Lake Success, March 14.

Nationalist China today accused the United Nations Secretary General, Mr. Trygve Lie, of bad politics and bad law which destroy public confidence in the impartiality of the Secretariat of the United Nations.

The accusation was contained in a scathing letter from the Nationalist delegate, Dr. T.F. Tsiang protesting against Mr. Lie's memorandum suggesting that China's seat should go to the Communist Government of Mao Tse-tung if an inquiry shows that it exercises effective authority within the territory of State and is habitually obeyed by the bulk of the population.

## ESTATES TO BE SPLIT UP

Rome, March 14.

A widespread re-distribution of land in Italy was announced today by the Prime Minister, Signor Alcide De Gasperi.

While thousands of peasants in Southern Italy squatted grimly on vast areas of land they have seized in the last two weeks, the Premier disclosed that the Cabinet had agreed to cut up big estates throughout Italy and distribute part of them to unemployed farmers.

The Cabinet has spent 50 hours in the last eight days drawing up the plans.

The plans are described by observers as the most sweeping social change ever made in Italy without violence.

It is estimated that the reform plan to be submitted to Parliament within a few days will top 3,750,000 acres off big estates and distribute them among 250,000 peasant families.

The plan is regarded as an effort to create a major bulwark against Communism by vast reinforcement of the number of small farmers throughout the country.

Premier de Gasperi said that the re-distribution of land will be accompanied by a 10-year programme to spend 12,000,000 lire on land development.

The poverty-stricken areas of Southern Italy, Sicily and Sardinia will be enriched by never before under this programme.

### Public works

Huge public works schemes will irrigate and drain land at present scarcely cultivated, whole populations will be moved on to farmland at present barren and the beginnings of modern civilisation will move into an area which has been one of Europe's poorest since Hannibal laid it waste 2,100 years ago.

Premier de Gasperi said at a Press conference that although details of the bills containing the new programme have been agreed by the Cabinet, certain final details have still to be settled.

The Cabinet is expected to complete discussions tomorrow, and to vote formal and final approval of the measures.

The Premier said that it is theoretically possible for 95 per cent of a big property to be confiscated and re-distributed.

Compensation will be paid one-quarter in State bonds redeemable in 25 years.—Reuter.

## POLICE FIRE ON WORKERS

Venice, March 14.

Five striking workmen were wounded—two of them seriously—when police opened fire today on a demonstration against dismissals from the Breda engineering plant.

The police stated officially that they had fired into the air after strikers had stoned them.

The 2,000 workers from the Breda plant had barricaded a bridge leading from the island of San Marghera on the mainland where the Breda plant is situated. They were protesting against the threatened loss of about 800 men in the plant.

The workers refused to remove the barricades and stoned the police who attempted to dislodge them. Four policemen were slightly injured.

The shooting then followed. A general strike of indefinite length has been declared in Venice city and province.—Reuter.

## ADOLF SCHAERF IN BRITAIN

London, March 14.

Dr. Adolf Schaerf, 53-year-old Deputy Prime Minister of Austria, arrived in London tonight to attend an International Socialist Conference at Hastings.

He told newsmen, "Before I go to the conference I want to see London and see for myself what the austerity programme is like." Asked his reaction to the long delays in the drafting of a Big Four peace treaty for Austria, the Deputy Premier said, "We are still hoping. The situation in Austria is normal and we are quite happy."

Dr. Schaerf will remain in London until Friday, when he will go to Hastings for the conference.—Associated Press.

## Russians building up Navy strength

Berlin, March 14.

The Russians are building up their naval strength by attempting to refloat every ship that was ever sunk, reports from Eastern Europe said today.

The Russians are pressing their naval salvage campaign in ports in the Soviet Zone of Germany, where at least four huge former German naval vessels have been refloated.

The 14,000-ton Deutsche, renamed Asia, is in use by the Russians as a troop transport. A report that the 22,000-ton liner Hamburg, scuttled at the end of the war, is being refloated by the Red Navy, is not confirmed.—United Press.

Paris, March 14.

Venezuela has recognized the associated States of Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos within the French Union, the French Foreign Ministry announced tonight.—Reuter.

## ATTLEE SNUBS TORY MP ON STRACHEY CASE

London, March 14.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, declared tartly today he is solely responsible for deciding whether his Cabinet members are good security risks.

He set forth his view in writing in answer to a question in the House of Commons by the Conservative M.P. Sir Waldron Smithers.

Sir Waldron has been heckling Mr. Attlee for the last two days about the case of the War Minister, Mr. John Strachey, who has been attacked by the Beaverbrook Press as a Communist sympathiser.

Both Mr. Attlee and Mr. Strachey insist that the Minister broke cleanly with his old view in 1940 and was never a member of the Communist Party.

Today Sir Waldron Smithers asked, "Will the Prime Minister

say what steps he takes before inviting any member to accept Ministerial office to ascertain that they are reliable persons from a security point of view?"

Replied Mr. Attlee, "I cannot accept the implications in the question."

"In any case, I would remind you that it is established constitutional practice that the Prime Minister of the day is solely responsible for recommending Ministerial appointments to the King."

"It is not customary for him to answer questions on these matters."

### Another question

Major Beamish, also a Conservative, but in another question on the subject for future answer.

He asked Mr. Attlee whether he is now satisfied that no persons sympathetic with the aims of Communism or known to have had connections with the British Communist Party or with any Foreign Communist Party hold any position of trust in the Government.

Lord Beaverbrook's "Evening Standard" and his morning paper, the "Daily Express", challenged the Strachey Cabinet appointment after the spying trial of Dr. Klaus Fuchs, German-born researcher at the Harwell atomic research plant.

The 38-year-old Communist, who admitted passing secrets to Russia from 1942 to 1949, was sentenced to 14 years for violating the Official Secrets Act.—Associated Press.

London, March 14.

The 3,720-ton motorship Cygnet, damaged by a war mine off North Holland last night, has anchored in the roads South of Terschelling, in the West Frisian Islands.

The water is being kept under control by pumping. Seventeen seamen were rescued from the Cygnet. Four others, of five who had taken to a lifeboat, were found dead.

The Cygnet left Emden on Sunday for Britain with a cargo of scrap iron.—Reuter.

## Shadow of the future

The British Control Commission in Germany is in the news again. It is proving harder to cut down its numbers than was at first expected. Meanwhile the West Germans are becoming restive at paying its "occupation costs."

The real interest of the Control Commission to the rest of the world lies in the fact that it is a warning of the kind of bureaucracy which Socialists may sprout if, ways are not found of organising them better. For this reason, the Control Commission deserves careful study. When it was recruited, the Treasury aimed at cheapness. It offered "comparatively low salaries—this will be the trend everywhere as bureaucracy grows and the cost of government becomes ever more forbidding. Because of the low salaries, and the short contracts offered, the Commission obtained very indifferent recruits. But to get even these, it had to offer additional inducements besides the system of providing the Commission staff with free food and lodging, free transport, and cigarettes and liquor at artificially low—extremely low—prices. (Some of these privileges have been cut down or abolished recently. This is because the Commission is slowly liquidating itself.)

Is this not the shadow of what may happen in a Socialist Britain in the future? Already in the last few months there was the disturbing quarrel between the Treasury and the higher civil servants over the civil service salaries. To raise the salaries would be to cause great resentment among the trade unionists, who are being asked to accept a wages freeze.

Can happen again

Perhaps the Treasury—in the long run will find a way out of its difficulty by copying the Control Commission system. Is it fantastic to think that in 20 years time the civil servants may still have monetary salaries which are absurdly low—but that they will live at artificially cheap rents in Government-owned houses and building estates, that they will buy their necessities in civil service stores at especially cheap rates, that they will have social privileges for travel and holiday, perhaps even that their children will enjoy a privileged entry to Eton, Westminster, Winchester,

and the ancient schools and universities?

This may be a fanciful picture. But the penalty of living in the twentieth century is to see the fanciful come true. The writer of this article remembers walking

### By WINDRUSH

down the Nevsky Prospect in Leningrad one day in 1931. Under the Tsars the Nevsky Prospect had been one of the most elegant streets in Europe. But in 1931 the plaster was peeling from the houses and shops; the people in the streets were ragged. "Windrush" asked himself whether the same could befall Bond Street. He remembered this vividly only 11 years later when, walking down Bond Street during the dreariest period of the war, he saw that it had become alarmingly similar.

In the ancient civilisation of the Incas in Peru the civil servants were a highly privileged caste. It is true that they received no money at all. But they were kept entirely by the State. So long as they were acting under instructions and on government service, they were housed free, they travelled free, they fed free. The staff of the British Control Commission are the Incas of the modern world. It has happened before. It may happen again.

The system is repugnant to all our traditional ideas. One of the main characteristics of British society has been that the government servant is exactly like other members of the community, except for the fact of his special occupation. It would be most undesirable if Whitehall officials, officials of the coal board, officials of the steel board, and so on, were segregated as a separate caste.

### Bad for efficiency

The result might also be bad for the efficiency of the civil service. At least this is a fair inference from the work of the Control Commission in Germany. The conditions of life in the Control Commission repelled the adventurous and the individualists. It attracted the mediocre. Once an officer was in the Commission, his main concern was to draw as little attention to himself as possible. He was brought to his office by Government transport at a certain time in the morning, and was taken away by Government transport at a certain time in the evening. The self-discipline of the service went just far enough to insist that all its members should

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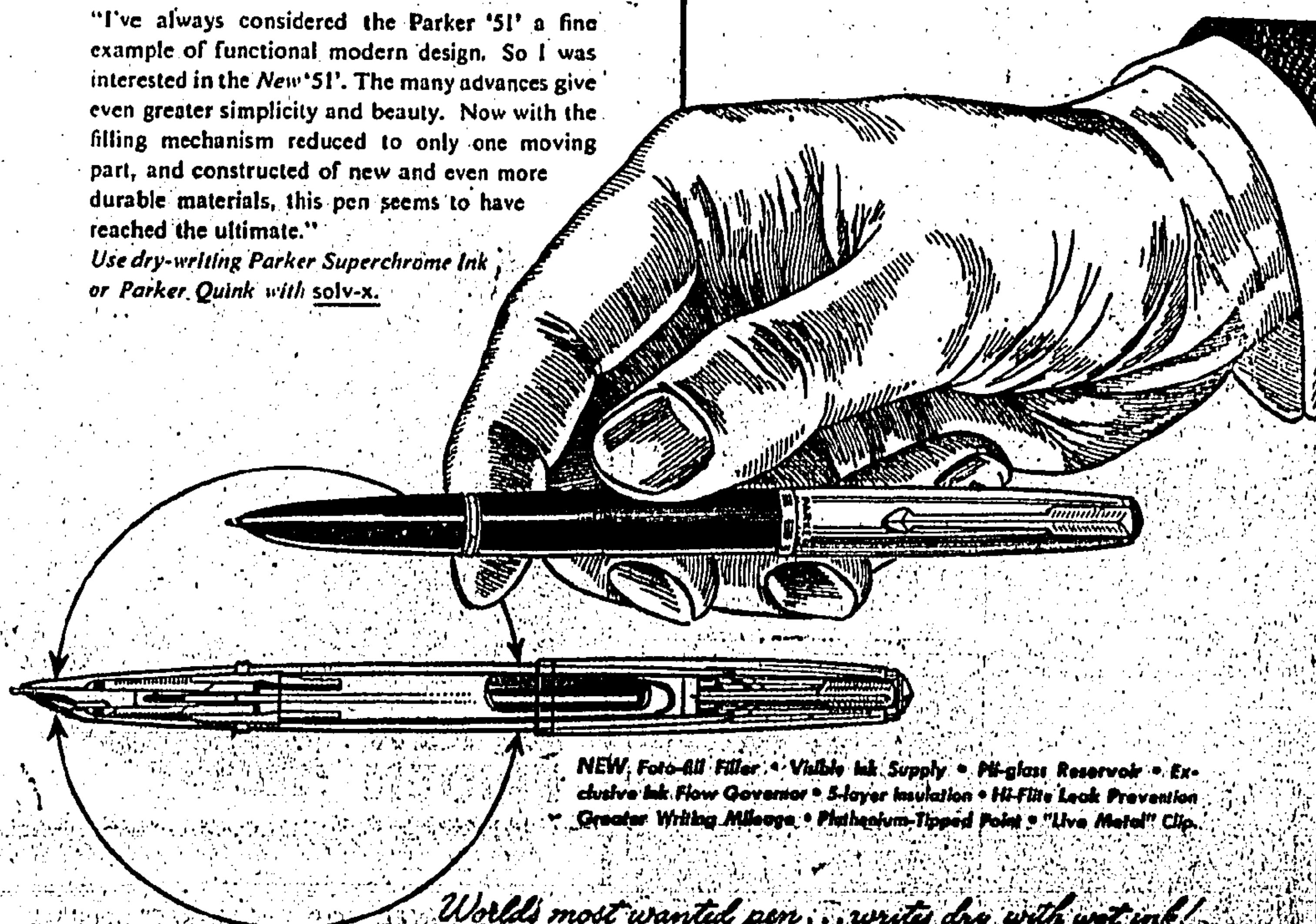
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# CLEMENTIS RESIGNATION MARKS END OF AN ERA

Prague, March 14.

The resignation of the Czechoslovakian Foreign Minister, Vladimir Clementis, is regarded by Western observers here tonight as marking the end of all Western influence in the Czech Foreign Office and among its officials at home and abroad.

These observers agree that the resignation also ends a period of transition in Czech foreign policy which in the last three years has become increasingly more uncompromising towards the Western Powers.

Western observers, however, appear not to have expected the Clementis resignation at this stage. They thought that he had been due to purge the Ministry and overhaul the Czech diplomatic staff abroad.

Clementis urged a policy of transforming the People's Democracies of Poland, Hungary and East Germany from former enemies into reliable friends without territorial claims on Czechoslovakia.

At the same time, he attempted to keep up working relations with the West.

Clementis, a convinced Communist, never showed any sympathy for the Western point of view but he was at least open to understanding it.

Clementis, as Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs in the exile Benes Government in London during the war had become suspect in a regime where all contracts with the West are now held to be incriminating. At the time when he was in London had doubt that he was a wholly orthodox and unmistakably zealous Communist.

Observers here are not disposed to believe that he could be accused of any sort of deviation.

**Purge possible?**

It is thought to be too early to forecast whether his resignation forebodes a general purge and a spectacular trial on the model of the former Hungarian Foreign Minister, László Rajk, who also suffered from being insufficiently a Moscow man.

Some authorities here think it possible that the case of Clementis might follow the lines of the collapse of the former Polish Vice-Premier, Wladyslaw Gombolka, who has been in disgrace for a full year and has not yet been brought to trial.

One reason thought to have precipitated the resignation of Clementis was the recent Soviet pressure for reinstatement of the East Zone Government of Germany as an equal member of the East European community of nations.

An official declaration by the former Soviet Foreign Minister, M. V. Molotov, last week that Germany must regain its historic place in Europe, followed persistent reports that Poland and Czechoslovakia had resisted Soviet plans to include Eastern Germany in the East European network of nations.

Clementis took over the Foreign Minister's portfolio shortly after the death of his former chief, Jan Masaryk, two years ago. His departure marked the first major Cabinet change since the Communists consolidated their power and appointed a new Cabinet after the resignation of the late Eduard Benes in June, 1948.

Clementis was deputy to Jan Masaryk until the latter's death, when he took over. It was reliably reported at the time that Clementis—an old-line Communist and pre-war worker with the present President, Klement Gottwald—was assigned to keep a close watch on Masaryk.

**Not surprised**

Diplomatic quarters in London are not surprised at Clementis' departure and speculate that the only remaining "London" Communist in the Cabinet, Nosak, will soon follow him.

Both Clementis and Nosak are members of the right or moderate wing of the Party. With the "Moscow School" of Communists firmly in the saddle in Prague, it had long been believed that Clementis would hold office only while he was of particular use to the regime. Reports were spread widely last autumn, while he was at Lake Success, that he would not return to Prague. He dismissed the reports at the time as not serious and said he would not bother to confirm or deny them. There were also reports then that Mrs. Clementis had first been refused Government permission to accompany her husband to the United States. It was the first time she had been refused such permission and, in the midst of reports on Clementis' resignation, she was suddenly flown to New York.

His possible defection, she was suddenly flown to New York. Clementis, a cultured man who occasionally writes poetry, was considered a reasonable Communist by Western diplomats in Prague, in contrast to strict Party-line members who sometimes reacted and raved during diplomatic discussions.

In the early years of World War II, Clementis veered from the Party line and joined the Czech forces in France while Moscow was still calling the war imperialist.

**New Minister**

The new Foreign Minister, William Siroky, has been a member of the Slovak Communist Party since 1921. He will be 40 on May 31. He is the son of a railwayman.

Siroky was elected to Parliament as a Communist candidate in 1933. He went to France in 1939 but after the fall of France returned illegally to Slovakia where he organised the underground activities of the Communist Party and trade union movement.

On July 3, 1941, he was arrested in Slovakia and imprisoned until February, 1945, when he was liberated by Slovak partisans.

He is reported to have fought his way through the German lines with a group of partisans and was made Deputy Premier by President Benes at Kosice in April, 1945, in the first post-war Czech Government.—Reuter, and United Press.

## Shanghai evacuee vessel

Washington, March 14.

The State Department said today that arrangements have been made for the American President Liner General Gordon to remove 1,600 foreigners from Shanghai, 310 of them Americans.

The Press officer, Lincoln White, said the Nationalist Chinese authorities have agreed not to interfere with the vessel when it goes to Shanghai about March 20.

No difficulties are expected from the Communist authorities, Mr. White said.

The General Gordon is the same ship which last autumn removed about 2,000 persons from Shanghai. That was the last previous mass evacuation of foreigners from that area.

About 85 official United States Government personnel and dependents are among the Americans who will leave. Several hundred additional Americans have made no attempt to leave the city and will presumably remain.

The General Gordon will anchor outside the Yangtze River. Passengers will be taken to the ship aboard shallow-draft craft. The ship will then go to Yokohama, Honolulu and San Francisco.

The American diplomats who are to leave China on the ship include the staffs of the United States Embassy in Nanking and the U.S. Consulate-General at Shanghai.—Associated Press.

## Senator adds to his accusations

Washington, March 14.

Senator Joseph R. McCarthy today added the name of John Stewart Service to the list of State Department people he says are pro-Communist. Mr. Service was Foreign Policy Adviser to General Douglas MacArthur in Japan in 1945. He is now American Consul in Calcutta.

Senator McCarthy, Wisconsin Republican, told a Senate Foreign Relations Sub-committee that Mr. Service, who has previously been under Congressional fire by critics of the Truman Administration's China policies, has been the target of four security investigations.

He added, "It is my understanding that the number has now risen to five."

"I earnestly request that this Committee ascertain immediately if Mr. Service was not considered as a bad security risk by the Loyalty Appeal Board of the Civil Service Commission, in a decision handed down on March 3 of this year," Senator McCarthy asked.

Senator McCarthy said he understood that the Loyalty Board informed the State Department they did not feel they could give him clearance and asked that a new board be appointed for the consideration of this case.

The State Department said later that it had not received any such word from the Civil Service Board.

Also named today by Senator McCarthy as pro-Communist were:

1. Dr. Harlow Shapley, Harvard astronomer and lecturer and former American delegate to a United Nations Commission. Senator McCarthy said Dr. Shapley has been connected with at least 30 Communist front organizations.

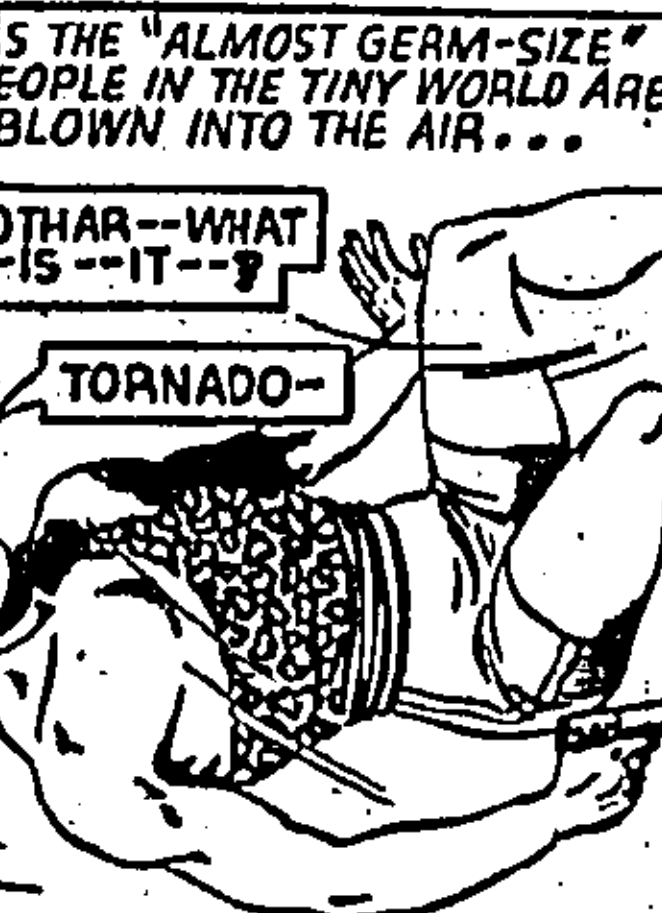
2. Dr. Frederick L. Schuman of Williams College, who accepted a State Department invitation to give a one-hour training lecture to U.S. diplomats on U.S. relations with Russia. Senator McCarthy called Dr. Schuman one of the closest collaborators and sponsors of Communist front organizations in America.

3. Spanish-born Gustavo Duran, former State Department official now working in the United Nations. Senator McCarthy said he had received a confidential report that Mr. Duran was recommended for his recent post by a member of President Truman's Cabinet.—Associated Press.

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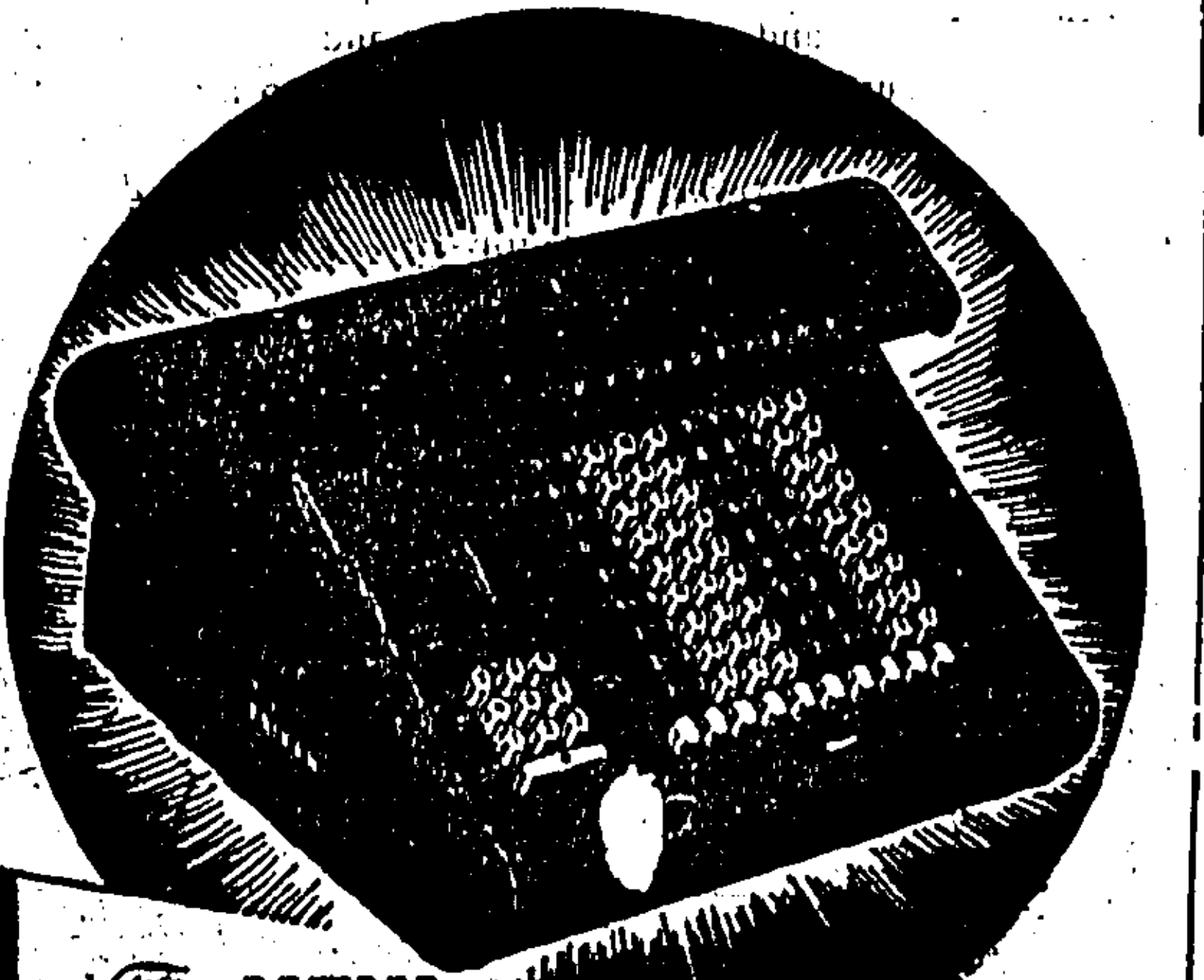
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| "TJIPADANE" .....   | 20th Mar. | 20th Mar. |
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| SHIP                   | ARRIVALS  | SAILINGS  |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| "BOISSEVAIN" .....     | 24th Mar. | 10th Apr. |
| "STRAAT BOENKA" .....  | 10th Apr. | 10th Apr. |
| "STRAAT MALAKKA" ..... | 4th May   | 4th May   |
| "TEGELBERG" .....      | 13th May  | 1st June  |

**JAPAN**

| SHIP                   | ARRIVALS  | SAILINGS  |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| "BERLAGE" .....        | 23rd Mar. | 20th Mar. |
| "BOISSEVAIN" .....     | 9th Apr.  | 20th Mar. |
| "STRAAT BOENKA" .....  | 17th Apr. | 17th Apr. |
| "STRAAT MALAKKA" ..... | 2nd May   | 17th May  |
| "TEGELBERG" .....      | 31st May  | 15th May  |

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| SHIP             | ARRIVALS    | SAILINGS  |
|------------------|-------------|-----------|
| "HOOGERK" .....  | In Port     | 31st Mar. |
| "MEERKERK" ..... | early April | early May |

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**JAPAN**

| SHIP             | ARRIVALS  | SAILINGS    |
|------------------|-----------|-------------|
| "HOOGERK" .....  | 30th Mar. | 17th Mar.   |
| "MEERKERK" ..... | early May | early April |

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| "AGAMEMNON" ..... | 23rd Mar. |          |

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| M.S.                 | ARRIVALS      | SAILINGS |
|----------------------|---------------|----------|
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| "BENGAL" .....       | due 12th Apr. |          |
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**BAGGAGE:** ALL passengers baggage must be sent to the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf Co.'s Godown at No. 2 Gate, Canton Road Entrance by NOON on FRIDAY, the 17th MARCH.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** With the exception of hand packages carried by passengers themselves, all BAGGAGE must pass through the Wharf Co.'s Godown for loading on board by ship's stowage only.

**EMBARKATION:** Will take place between 1.30 P.M. and 3.30 P.M. on SATURDAY, the 18th MARCH.

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## FINANCE AND COMMERCE

### Hong Kong Stock Exchange

The morning was quiet; but whatever small amount of business was transacted, the rates showed steadiness.

**H.K. GOVT. LOANS**

|                 |         |
|-----------------|---------|
| 4% Loan 1931-32 | 101 1/2 |
| 5% Loan 1931-32 | 101 1/2 |
| 5% Loan 1931-32 | 101 1/2 |

**BANKS**

|                          |
|--------------------------|
| H.K. & S. Bank 14 1/2    |
| Chartered Bank 14 1/2    |
| Merchants Bank 14 1/2    |
| Bank of East Asia 10 1/2 |

**INSURANCES**

|                           |
|---------------------------|
| Canton Ins. 10 1/2        |
| Union Ins. 10 1/2         |
| China Underwriters 10 1/2 |
| H.K. Fire Ins. 10 1/2     |
| Shanghai Ins. 10 1/2      |

**SHIPPING**

|                       |
|-----------------------|
| Douglas 2000          |
| H.K. & S. Bank 11 1/2 |
| Indo China 11 1/2     |
| (Def.) 2000           |
| Shells (Rever) 6 1/2  |
| Watson 2000           |
| Asia Nav. 2000        |

**DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, Etc.**

|                            |
|----------------------------|
| H.K. & S. Bank 10 1/2      |
| North Point Wharves 10 1/2 |
| Shanghai Wharves 10 1/2    |
| H.K. Docks 10 1/2          |
| China Dock 10 1/2          |
| Shanghai Dock 10 1/2       |
| Wharves 10 1/2             |

**LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.**

|                      |
|----------------------|
| H. & S. Bank 10 1/2  |
| Shanghai Land 10 1/2 |
| Hampshire 10 1/2     |
| China Estate 10 1/2  |
| China Estate 10 1/2  |

**PUBLIC UTILITIES**

|                      |
|----------------------|
| H.K. Tramways 14 1/2 |
| Peak Tram 14 1/2     |
| (New) 14 1/2         |
| Star Ferry 14 1/2    |
| C. Light 14 1/2      |
| (New) 14 1/2         |
| H.K. Electric 14 1/2 |

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| Cable 14 1/2 |
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**COTTONS**

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**RUBBER, etc. COMPANIES**

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| China 14 1/2 |
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### Green Island Cement Co. general meeting

Mr. W.A. Stewart, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Green Island Cement Company, Limited, announced at the general meeting of shareholders on Tuesday that the company made a net profit of \$1,653,796 last year.

The meeting endorsed a proposal of the Directors that a dividend of \$3 per share, free of tax on 300,000 shares, be paid.

Immediately after the general meeting an extraordinary meeting was held, at which the shareholders unanimously passed two resolutions:

1. That the authorised capital of the company be increased from \$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000, the increase to be made up of 2,000,000 shares of \$10 each (of which 300,000 shares have been issued) to \$10,000,000 by the creation of 500,000 additional shares of the nominal value of \$10 each and that the unused shares of the company's capital be issued at such time and upon such terms as the Directors think fit.
2. That it is desirable to capitalise the sum of \$3,000,000, being part of the undivided profits of the company standing to the credit of the reserve fund, and accordingly that a special capital bonus of \$3,000,000 be declared and that such bonus be applied on behalf of the persons who on February 27, 1950, were the holders of the 300,000 issued shares of the company in payment in full for 300,000 shares of the company of \$10 each, and that such 300,000 shares credited as fully paid be accordingly allotted to such persons in the proportion of one such share for every one of the said 300,000 shares then held by such persons, respectively, and that the shares so distributed shall be treated for all purposes as an increase of the nominal amount of the capital of the company held by each shareholder and not as income, and that such shares shall rank for dividend from January 1, 1950.

### Satisfactory year

On a proposal of Mr. B. Wong Tape, seconded by Mr. Fung Ki-chau, Mr. Li Teo-jong, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. M. W. Turner, Mr. H. H. Cleland, Mr. H. K. Joo, and Mr. W. A. Stewart were re-elected to the Board of Directors.

In his speech Mr. Stewart said the results for the year could not have been achieved without the whole-hearted co-operation of the staff.

The current year's trading has been quiet, but the business is highly competitive and because of the distances—sometimes very great—from which all our principal materials have to come, we must always be a high-cost producer, and we are also largely dependent upon the rate of construction activity in the Colony.

### JAPAN-KOREA TRADE PLANS

Tokyo, March 14.

The International Trade and Industry Ministry today announced measures to increase the importation of miscellaneous goods from Korea under the barter system.

Goods to be imported include lard, dried trepan, beef, pyrite, iron and others.

Japan will export as collateral goods chemicals, drugs, printing ink, dyes, bamboo, rayon products, medical instruments, glass, celluloid products, pottery, watches, radio sets, etc.

The barter system will be implemented through letters of credit issued simultaneously by both sides—United Press.

### Stock Exchange brokers strike

Rome, March 14.

Trading on Italy's two biggest stock exchanges, in Rome and Milan, stopped today as brokers protested against the Government's determination to continue requiring all stocks to carry the names of the owners.

In Rome brokers went to the Exchange but instead of trading they held a protest meeting. In Milan the Exchange did not open.

Today's demonstration followed an announcement by Giuseppe Pella, Treasury Minister, that the Government would not abolish the requirement that stocks must carry owners' names.

Financial circles said this requirement greatly facilitates the collection of taxes. Brokers maintain that it restricts sales of stock.—Associated Press.

### Money Market

US dollars were steady yesterday, opening at HK\$10.27 1/2 and closing at HK\$10.27 1/2, with an interval at HK\$10.27 1/2.

100 yen stationary at HK\$40.40.

Sterling opened at HK\$15.40 and closed at HK\$15.40.

Australian pounds also went up, five cents to HK\$13.30.

Plaster was unchanged at HK\$12.50 a 100.

Ticals also remained unchanged at HK\$28.50 a 100.

NEI Orders opened at HK\$32.50 a 100 and dropped 20 cents at the close.

### SHIP MOVEMENTS

The S. Flying Cloud is due from New York via Suva at Lyman Pass today and after clearing Quarantine and Immigration, will berth at Kowloon Wharf.

She will be dispatched for New York via ports and Panama on or about March 20 or as soon as possible thereafter upon completion of cargo work.

### New York Stock Exchange

New York, March 14.

The stock market today took the largest step forward in nearly a month. The rise was orderly but persistent. At the close the market, on average, was just a trifle below the highest level in three and a half years.

Individual stocks moved up fractions to around a point, with most improvement limited to fractions. Transfers, 1,140,000 shares.

The Associated Press average of 60 stocks advanced 1/2 point to 73.0. The industrial group spearheaded the rise, with rails and utilities tied for second place.

General Motors stock scored one of its biggest gains, rising a point. Other gainers were U.S. Steel, Chrysler, Goodyear, American Woolen, Kennecott Copper and Texas Company.

Dow Jones averages: Stocks 74.00; 20 Industrials 204.70; 15 Ralls 54.70; 10 Utilities 43.11.

Closing quotations:

|                                |
|--------------------------------|
| Adams Express 2 1/2            |
| Alaska Juneau 3                |
| American Can 1 1/2             |
| Smelting 5 1/2                 |
| Telephone 140 1/2              |
| Tobacco 7 1/2                  |
| Waterworks 9 1/2               |
| Anacosta Copper 28 1/2         |
| Aviation Corp. 6 1/2           |
| Baldwin Locomotive 1 1/2       |
| Barnsdall 50 1/2               |
| Bendix Aviation 4 1/2          |
| Bechtel Steel 34 1/2           |
| Beising Aircraft 27 1/2        |
| Borden Co. 50 1/2              |
| Canadian Pacific 14 1/2        |
| J. I. Case 4 1/2               |
| Chrysler 4 1/2                 |
| Colgate 4 1/2                  |
| Commercial Solvent 17 1/2      |
| Corn Products 68 1/2           |
| Du Pont 6 1/2                  |
| Eastman Kodak 40 1/2           |
| General Electric 40 1/2        |
| Motors 75 1/2                  |
| Goodyear 40 1/2                |
| Homestake Mining 45            |
| International Harvester 20 1/2 |
| Paper 30 1/2                   |
| Tel. & Tel 11 1/2              |
| Johns Manville 47 1/2          |
| Kennecott Copper 5 1/2         |
| Montgomery Ward 55 1/2         |
| National Distillers 23         |
| Lead 38 1/2                    |
| New York Central 13 1/2        |
| Packard Motor 37 1/2           |
| Pan. American Airways 10       |
| Pennsylvania RR 17 1/2         |
| Radio Corp. 14 1/2             |
| Real Silk 1 1/2                |
| Remington Rand 14 1/2          |
| Republic Steel 20 1/2          |
| Reynolds Tobacco 39 1/2        |
| Schenley 3 1/2                 |
| Sears Roebuck 43 1/2           |
| Shell Oil 37 1/2               |
| Socony Vacuum 16 1/2           |
| Southern Pacific 5 1/2         |
| Standard Brands 23             |
| Oil of Calif. 63 1/2           |
| Oil of N. J. 68 1/2            |
| Studebaker 27 1/2              |
| Union Bag 28 1/2               |
| Carbide 42 1/2                 |
| US Rubber 42 1/2               |
| Steel 31 1/2                   |
| Lines 10 1/2                   |
| Westinghouse 33                |
| Youngstown Sheet & Tube 80 1/2 |
| Gen. Pub. Utilities 17 1/2     |

Corporate bonds showed only minor price changes. Higher in the Curb were Producers Corporation, Aspinook (fabric finishers), and Electric Bond and Share.—Associated Press.

### LONDON TIN PRICES BOOM

London, March 14.

A boom in tin futures narrowed the gap between spot and future prices on the London Metal Exchange today to the lowest figure since free dealings were resumed last year.

At the day's end there was only some 24 difference between quotations for cash metal and 90-days delivery. The closing of the gap between spot and futures prices, hitherto unattainably big, has been development keenly awaited in London ever since the London Metal Exchange reopened last September 15 after many years wartime closure.

During the past week the gap has been steadily narrowing, but growing demand for future tin sent prices soaring today by 15 1/2 to 268 1/2, £588 10s asked. At the same time cash tin fell 1 1/2 to £596 bid, £598 10s asked.

Total turnover amounted to 200 tons.—Associated Press.

### LONDON STOCKS

London, March 14.

Rumours that Britain's gold and dollars reserves are rising encouraged most sections of the stock exchange today. Small gains were general among Government bonds, industrial and gold mining shares. Official figures on the reserves will be released shortly after March 31.

Financial Times Index 103.9.—Associated Press.

### NY RUBBER

New York, March 14.

Crude rubber number one futures closed five lower to five higher. Sales 40 contracts.

|           |             |
|-----------|-------------|
| March     | 104 1/2 bid |
| May       | 105 1/2     |
| July      | 107 1/2     |
| September | 109 1/2     |

Spot number one washed smoked sheets, 19-1/2 nominal.—Associated Press.

### NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

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## BENLINE

ARRIVALS

| SHIP                | FROM                | DATE      |
|---------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| "BENVENUE" .....    | U.K. via Singapore. | 16th Mar. |
| "BENVANNOCH" .....  | on or abt.          | 24th Mar. |
| "BENLAWERS" .....   | "                   | 31st Mar. |
| "BENAVATOW" .....   | "                   | 12th Apr. |
| "BENNYVIB" .....    | "                   | 20th Apr. |
| "BENCRUACHAN" ..... | "                   | 30th Apr. |
| "BENWYVIB" .....    | "                   | 9th May   |

SAILINGS

| SHIP              | TO                                                     | DATE      |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| "BENVENUE" .....  | London, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Hamburg & Hull.            | 19th Mar. |
| "BENAVATOW" ..... | Glasgow, Avonmouth, London, Rotterdam, Hamburg & Hull. | 28th Mar. |
| "BENWYVIB" .....  | Liverpool, Glasgow, Dublin, Havre and Antwerp.         | 4th Apr.  |

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| M.S. "BOUGAINVILLE" ..... | 24th Mar. |
| M.S. "SUNNYVILLE" .....   | 21st Apr. |

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